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Corzine's Bed Tax Could Spell Problems For Medical Center

A relatively small line item in Gov Jon Corzine's budget address two weeks ago outlining an effort to capture increased matches in health care from the federal government has prompted health care officials throughout the state, including those from the Princeton HealthCare System, to envision a bleak picture of overly-taxed facilities with little chance of survival, which could prove disastrous to the state's suburban hospitals.

In his March 21 address, Mr Corzine proposed a $620-per hospital bed tax that would bring the state approximately $430 million per year, with about $215 million used for state expenses with the remainder used to qualify for a Federal match from Medicaid to be funneled back to the state's hospitals.

In short, the governor hopes to raise a certain amount of money, double it with the federal match, keep the general match to help balance the budget and then return what has been collected back to the hospitals, but it has to be returned on the basis of Medicaid cases.

What has caused an uproar from suburban hospitals throughout the state and the New Jersey Hospital Association (NJHA) is that by and large only hospitals with a large number of uninsured patients would see any kind of payday leaving hospitals covering largely insured demographics, like the University Medical Center at Princeton (UMCP), in the dark and, according to some officials, in danger.

Gary Carter, the president of the NJHA, told the Associated Press after Mr Corzine's address, that "worst part is the fact that we are going to be taxed to provide something we are mandated to do.

"It's a really bad idea."

In Princeton, with the hospital's parent company, Princeton HealthCare System, seeking to build a $350 million facility in Plainsboro, the prospect is troublesome, and the stakes are high, potentially preventing a move or worse.

"It could severely jeopardize the future of our hospital," said Pam Hersh, vice president for Government and Community Affairs for PHCS. The state

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LET THE BUILDING BEGIN: After donating some books of his own to the Book Levee on Firestone Plaza last week, Pulitzer-prize-winning poet and Princeton faculty member C.K. Williams said that the Katrina crisis had begun slipping "out of reality" because of an administration that gives "the absolute minimum of political attention" to the devastation while the people of New Orleans are asking, "Where is our city?" Two of Princeton University's other Pulitzer-prize-winning poets, *Yusuf Komunyakaa and Paul Muldoon*, were also on hand to support the student-led Katrina Project. See the story on page 7.

Schools Budget Coming; Cuts Discussed

Borough and Township taxpayers will soon be receiving details of the Princeton Regional Board of Education 2006-2007 Schools budget in the mail. The Board presented details of the $72 million budget Tuesday March 28, in a public hearing held at the John Witherspoon Middle School. Voters will cast ballots on the single question budget on April 18.

If the budget is approved, a Borough taxpayer with a home assessed at $400,000 would see taxes jump from $6,760 to $6,921, an increase of $161 or 4 cents per $100 of assessed value. A Township taxpayer with a home assessed at $400,000 would see taxes go from $6,160 to $6478, an increase of $318 or 8 cents per $100 of assessed value.

Details of the budget, which also calls for cuts to ten district positions, can be viewed on the Princeton Regional School District's website at *www2.prsk12.nj.us*.

Kushner Cut Protested

The proposed cuts include that of the position of the full-time director of the IDEAS center at Princeton High School (PHS). The center's current director Martin Kushner, addressing the Board last Tuesday, expressed fears for the future of the center in serving a wide spectrum of student needs. He said that the center, which offers all day and after school programs, provides a warm welcoming environment for minority students, special education students and those taking advanced placement classes. Mr. Kushner introduced volunteer tutors from the high school, Princeton University and the community.

Princeton University sophomores Howard Yu and Greg Hiller called for reconsideration of the cut. "Mr. Kushner has a lot of supporters because he has created a great program," said Mr. Yu, who graduated from PHS in 2004. Cy Adler, a retired professor from The College of New Jersey, praised Mr. Kushner's running of the IDEAS Center. "Marty Kushner makes anybody and everybody welcome," he said. "Students are free to unload their fears and trepidations. If we don't maintain this we are liable to have a Columbine style incident in this school district." One

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Eight Degrees of Presentation As Firms Brainstorm Merwick

Following an intense three-day session studying the nine-acre Bayard Lane tract that houses the Merwick Care Center, one thing is clear: improvement is needed and any new development should bridge surrounding neighborhoods.

How that happens, however, is yet to be seen.

On Sunday at Princeton Borough Hall, eight presentations were offered by area architectural firms attempting to envision various redevelopment plans once Princeton HealthCare System, the parent company to both Merwick and the University Medical Center at Princeton (UMCP), relocates to the FMC Corporation site in Plainsboro. Architects looked at areas surrounding the Merwick site, including Princeton University's 154-unit Stanworth Apartments to the north and the YM/YWCA site to the south, trying to find a way that would enable new development on the site while improving pedestrian

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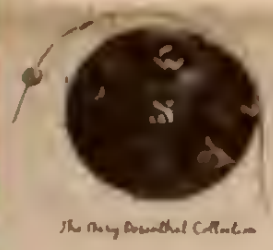

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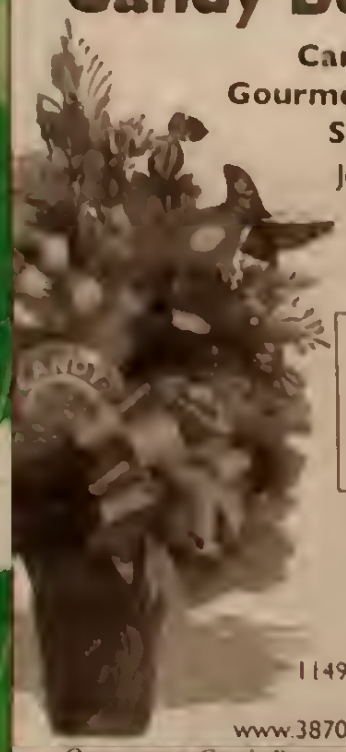

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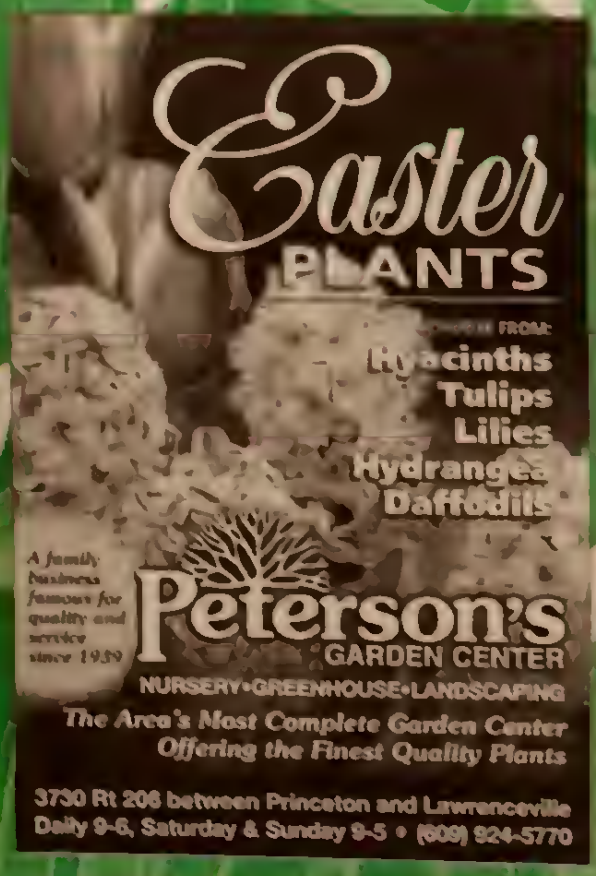

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HONORING JOHN MCPHEE: Last Friday Library Director Leslie Burger honored Princeton author John McPhee for his many contributions to the library. She also forgave him for losing some library books long ago. Among the library supporters at the Community Room luncheon are (from left) Gillett Griffin, Millard Riggs, Ms. Burger, Barbara Johnson, and Mr. McPhee.

Library Pays Its Respects to John McPhee, Born "Just a Few Blocks Up the Street"

Princeton author John McPhee had a confession to make after accepting gifts from Princeton Public Library Director Leslie Burger last Friday for his many contributions to the library, the most recent being a donation of signed first editions of his books to the Princeton Collection. The occasion was a luncheon in the Community Room in honor Mr. McPhee and his wife Yolanda.

Mr. McPhee's confession followed a gesture in the general direction of the hospital: "I was born a few blocks up the street." After referring to his two favorite childhood haunts—the Arcade, a movie theater that stood on the site now housing Triumph brewery, and the library, then located just down the street in Bainbridge House—Mr. McFee admitted having lost some library books in his time. It was a relief, he said, that the library was thriving even so: "I've been trying to repay my debt ever since by writing other books to replace the ones I lost."

Ms. Burger told him that he was forgiven.

He also pointed out that Princeton's 08540 zip code was the only one he'd ever known and the only zip "with a grommet at either end," and he had everyone laughing when he quoted another Princeton reference from one of his books: "Stay here all your life and you get a new town every five years."

One of Mr. McPhee's numerous contributions toward paying off that childhood debt was the Triassic rock he'd salvaged from the wreckage of the Princeton Playhouse and donated to Ik-Joong Kang's Happy World mural, which has been a magnet for library patrons ever since it was installed.

Mr. McPhee was clearly pleased by the library's gift of a tile made by Katherine Hackl, who created the tiles that decorate the Princeton Room. She was introduced to the gathering by Ms. Burger, who also asked for applause for the library's retiring development director, Jody Feldman.

TOPICS *Of the Town*

Princetoniana

Princeton history was the other topic of the day as librarian Terri Nelson described the resources of the the Princeton Room and the Princeton Collection, stressing the collection's outreach to seniors; its particular focus on Princeton's African American heritage; the ongoing compilation of an oral history of Mt.Lucas Road; the 800 web links, and the gaps in her 20-page want list of materials ("We especially need a copy of General Bayard's biography"), not to mention a need for funding to repair and rebind some of its precious but battered volumes and documents. Ms Nelson also spoke of the importance of adding unpublished family histories to the collection and of wanting to put together a complete run of Princeton High School yearbooks—and ones from the Seminary and University, as well.

After thanking various donors, Ms. Nelson described some of her discoveries and experiences overseeing the Princeton Room and the Princeton Collection, pointing out the range and volume of the inquiries she receives, including questions about Paul Robeson that come from as far away as Wales and Micronesia, and questions from local girl scouts doing research for their history badges who were excited to find out that "Paul Revere rode down Nassau Street with news of the Bos-

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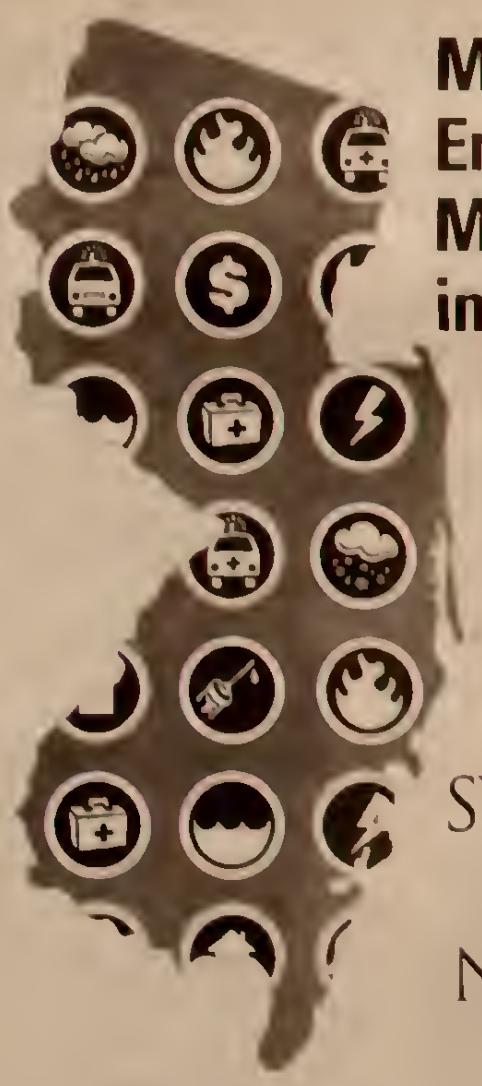

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ton Tea Party." It was also news to them that Princeton had once been the nation's capital.

"Some people even contact us asking to know about the Balt, what it felt, looked, and sounded like," she said at one point, referring to what was once a Nassau Street eatery and campus hang-out.

During Mr. McPhee's remarks, which followed soon after, he gave a demonstration of what the Balt sounded like: "Hamburger on 1! Hamburger and Relish on 2!"

—Stuart Mitchner

Topics In-Brief:
A Community Bulletin

The **Princeton Township Shade Tree Commission** will discuss potential tree removal tomorrow, April 6, at 5:30 p.m. in Room B of Township Hall in regard to a pending development proposal to build 98 age restricted homes in three buildings on a 14-acre site east of Bunn Drive, abutting Journey's End Lane. The applicant, Orange, N.J.-based Morgan Estates, is seeking a variance to increase the floor area ratio from the mandates of the current Township zoning and to exceed permitted density on a portion of the site. The application underwent a preliminary zoning review last month and is scheduled to continue on April 26 at 7:30 p.m., also at Township Hall.

A forum of candidates vying for three open seats on the **Princeton Regional Board of Education** scheduled for this evening, April 5, at the Valley Road Building has been **cancelled** due to scheduling conflicts. The Minority Education Committee of the Princeton Regional Schools had sponsored the forum.

Morley Safer, a senior correspondent for CBS's 60 Minutes, will deliver a lecture at McCosh 50 on the Princeton University campus on Monday, April 10, at 4:30 p.m. Mr. Safer will speak on the topic, "60 Minutes: The Impact of the Images." The event, cosponsored by the Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies (PIIRS) and Adam Smith Global Television, is free and open to the public.

The Princeton-based **Coalition for Peace Action (CFPA)** will present a forum entitled, "Iran: The Next Middle East War?" on Monday, April 10 at 7 p.m. in the Community Room of the Princeton Public Library. The keynote speaker will be Ray McGovern, a 27-year CIA veteran intelligence officer who gave the morning White House briefings during the Nixon, Ford, and Reagan Administrations. Also speaking will be Dr. Shapoor Vali, a professor and former associate dean at Fordham University who is originally from Iran.

Princeton Township Committee is scheduled to hold a regular session this Monday, April 10, at 7 p.m. at Township Hall. An agenda has not yet been set.

Princeton Senior Resource Center (PSRC) will host an event between 1 and 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 11, at the Suzanne Patterson Center behind Borough Hall to help inform area residents about Medicare D. Counselors from My Medicare Matters and the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) will be at the event to help people review their options and enroll in the plan of their choice online. To make an appointment for assistance, call the Mercer County SHIP office at (609) 584-5900, option "1." Bring a list of your prescriptions with dosages, favorite pharmacy and address. The time for Tuesday's event could change; for updates, call PSRC at (609) 924-7108.

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A Park as Good as a Quiet Backyard Could Be Due for a Needed Facelift

Harrison Street Park, the woodsy, slightly tired, but serene oasis in the heart of Jugtown could soon be prepped for a makeover, but how to achieve that goal still remains unanswered.

Princeton Borough Council last night revived public discussions on how to rehabilitate the park, that by most reports, dates to 1952, when Princeton University sold the land to the Borough, and has since served as a beloved resource for residents of surrounding neighborhoods.

"We had budgeted some modest money a couple of years ago, but now we're picking the ball back up," said Borough Administrator Robert Bruschi, who addressed the members of Council after Town Topics went to press. "We decided to start moving on this thing again," he said, adding that constructive dialogue with residents of nearby streets had actively begun discussions on the issue.

"We met with residents of all walks and reviewed what the standard process was," Mr. Bruschi said.

But the residents, under the aegis of an unofficial Harrison Street Park task force, had a slightly different process in mind, one to which the Borough agreed.

Residents encouraged Mr. Bruschi to advise Council to hire someone with naturalist expertise to go through the park, look at what is there from an environmental standpoint, considering where certain things could or should go, and what could be applicable when it becomes time to begin a design phase.

Environmental sensitivity was the key to redesigning the park, especially because of its natural character. Clifford Zink, an Aiken Avenue resident who has been involved in discussions of the issue with about 25 other park-area residents, said the aim would ultimately be to plant more trees, create habitats for different types of wild life, and think about the park in terms of recreation.

"It's a real neighborhood park, and it has the potential to be a lot more than it is," Mr. Zink said, adding that the neighbors would even be willing to assist in building any new playground equipment.

But at the end of the day, "people want to preserve the natural wooded nature of the park," he said. "Mostly, there's a feeling that anything that gets put in here should blend with the environment.

Harrison Street is a "pocket park" in name only. Princeton Borough has several: Mary Moss, Quarry, Pine Street, Tee-Ar. But Harrison Street Park is substantial, and covers, from north to south, the area between Nassau Street and the backs of the homes on Patton Avenue. Its spaciousness and serenity are invaluable to the residents.

But the playground equipment is falling, the pathways could be improved, and, most notably, there is a chronic flooding issue as the "park" was never really retrofitted to be a recreational area.

Formerly the backyard of Nassau Street residents Alfred Leroy and Mary Guinn Hodder, the park was left to the University in 1949 before it was deeded to the Borough. As such, what you see is what you get: a vast, wooded, green backyard, and drainage is a big issue, one that could cost the Borough upwards of six figures.

"I think people love it and I think people want to see a park that's restored," said Borough Councilman Andrew Koontz, who also chairs the Princeton Parks Alliance. He added that the park needs the tools to better handle the use that it already gets.

A "good, steady flow" from the Aiken Avenue side of the park occurs when it rains and runs across the park toward Harrison Street, Mr. Koontz said, adding that a "number" of trees are in failing health.

Echoing Mr. Zink's sentiments, Mr. Koontz said bringing a designer in first might lead to a park out of line with what residents want. He pointed out that there could be natural solutions—not just the installation of sewer pipes—to the drainage problem.

After last night's hearing, the neighbors and Borough are expected to collaborate in bringing in a naturalist before moving toward the design phase.

—Matthew Hersh

A PARK LIKE NO OTHER: Harrison Street Park, an asset to residents living in the Jugtown section of the Borough, could be ready for a needed facelift. The approach will be different for this project, with the Borough placing a naturalist rather than a designer at the vanguard of the revitalization effort.

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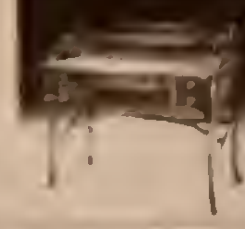

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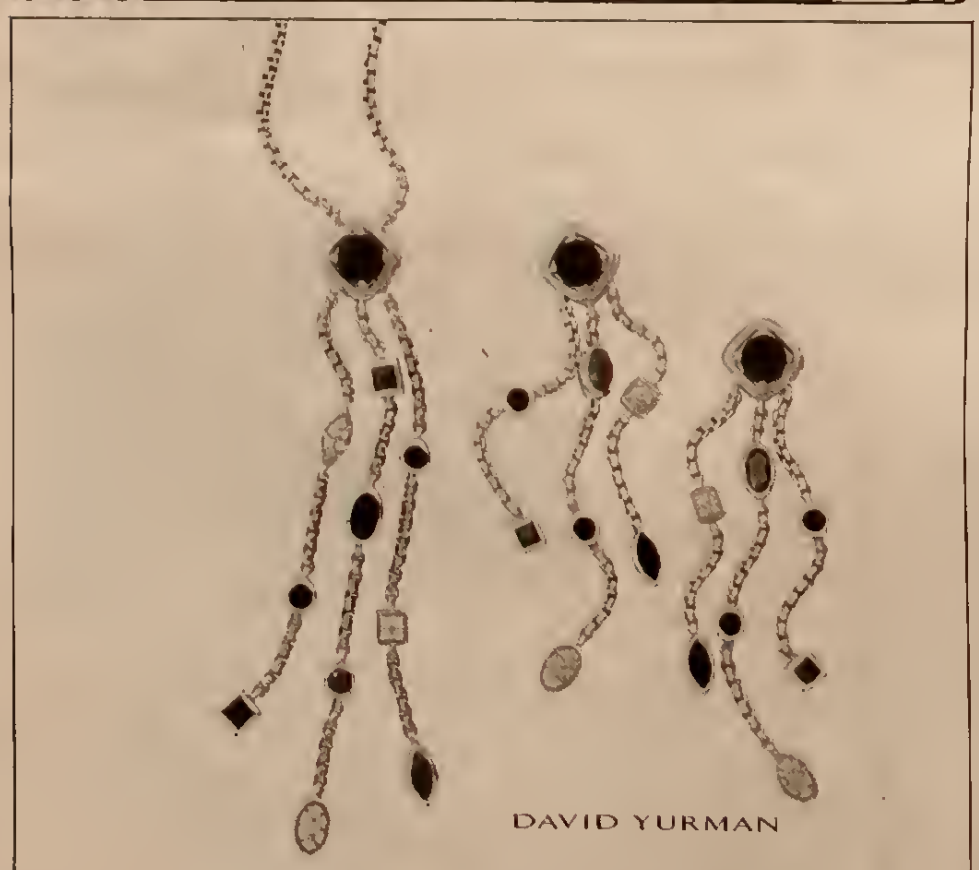

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Rescue Report

On Saturday morning, March 25, the Squad responded to a dorm room for a 25-year-old female with a head laceration. The patient reported she passed out while taking a shower, then woke up and sat down in the bathroom, where she passed out again. When she regained consciousness the second time, she was lying in a pool of blood from a cut to her forehead. She then went to her room and called 911. The laceration was bandaged, and rescuers immobilized the patient's head, neck and spine before transporting her to the University Medical Center at Princeton (UMCP).

On Wednesday afternoon, March 29, the Squad responded to an 87-year-old woman who was complaining of chest pain. The patient reported she had just been released from the hospital with the pain and did not want to return. Shortly afterwards,she suddenly stopped talking and went into cardiac arrest. Rescuers immediately began CPR and used the defibrillator to shock the patient's heart, regaining a heartbeat. After a few moments, however, the patient was back in cardiac arrest. Repeated defibrillations returned pulses briefly, but eventually the shocks were not able to restart the patient's heart, and she was pronounced dead at UMCP.

On Friday, March 31, the Squad responded for a 43- year-old man in cardiac arrest. The patient's wife reported she was driving when her husband stopped breathing and turned blue. After pulling over and dialing 911, a passing physician began CPR until officers from the Princeton Borough Police Department arrived on scene and applied their Automatic External Defibrillator. The Squad arrived moments later and found the patient with a strong radial pulse and pale skin tone, but still unconscious. The Squad continued breathing for the patient with pure oxygen and monitored his vital signs during transport to UMCP.

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"I support the general provisions of the McCain-Kennedy Bill which was incorporated, at least in its main points, in the Judiciary Committee's bill that was passed by the Senate last week." —*Maria Juega, Chair, Latin American Legal Defense Fund, Grover Avenue*

"I think it is very necessary to support the people who are here illegally, so that they can eventually become legal residents. It is important for the U.S. and the Hispanic countries to know who are in the country — who are supporting the economy of the country and who are not." —*Maria Moreno, Billy Ellis Lane*

"The proposed changes in the immigration law provides an opportunity for politicians to engage in demagoguery and pandering, which we are hearing a lot of. In the end, there will be a compromise, and the reason is that you cannot deport 11 million undocumented aliens. They are needed by our agricultural and industrial sectors. In the meantime, there is a lot of pain being inflicted by persons, including people in Princeton, who under threat of deportation lose their homes, their drivers' licenses, their jobs, their children, their spouses, their way of life. In some cases they have been here for 20 years. It's shameful and it is sad."
—*Roger Martindell, member, Princeton Borough Council, Prospect Avenue*

"Frankly I am against the Sensenbrenner-King bill (the House version of the reform bill) because it separates families of immigrants with children who are born here. Also, it's not right to make criminals of people who use the services of undocumented persons."
—*Toshi Abe, Walnut Lane*

Princeton Authors Launch Katrina Project Book Levee

On Firestone Plaza last Wednesday, on what felt like the first true day of spring, the building of the book levee that will extend symbolically all the way to New Orleans was begun.

Saying that it was time "to put the bad weather behind us," Princeton student Peter Turner, an organizer of the Katrina Project, explained the purpose of the charitable initiative he called the Levee for Life: first, to create an awareness of the problems of poverty and inequality in America; second, and in particular, to generate donations toward the reconstruction of the Katrina-devastated New Orleans Public Library (NOPL) which suffered damage estimated at $26-$30 million. According to Mr. Turner, eight NOPL branches were a total loss, and five other branches experienced substantial damage, but have been able to reopen, despite operating with a staff 20 percent of its original size. After expressing gratitude to the Rescue Mission of Trenton, Green Owl Media, and, in particular, to the University for its cooperation, with a special thanks to Grounds and Building Maintenance, he announced that the Princeton-New Orleans Barbara Boggs Sigmund Community Alliance bearing the name of the late Princeton Borough mayor has helped launch the effort with an $8,000 donation.

The American Library Association (ALA) is sponsoring the initiative, along with the New Orleans Public Library. Powells.com is partnering with the students and the librarians to attract charitable donations to the NOPL. People interested in helping can donate a "book brick" to the NOPL by purchasing one for $8.95 from Powells.com. Each purchase will add a book to the levee and a "book brick" for the foundation of the new New Orleans Public Library. Book bricks represent pledges that will help the library reconstitute its collection and rebuild its public services. The library will acknowledge each donor with a bookplate acknowledging his or her contribution. As donations grow, so will the levee, which will be built along the low wall surrounding Firestone plaza.

Where Is Our City?

After donating two of his own books and one by Changrae Lee, Pulitzer-prize-winning Princeton poet C.K. Williams spoke of how the Katrina crisis had begun slipping "out of reality" because of an administration that spends "$500 billion" on the war and gives "the absolute minimum of political attention" to the devastation of New Orleans while the people are asking, "Where is our city?"

Poet Susan Wheeler donated two volumes from the Library of America and read a poem of her own along with "And Yet The Books" by Czeslaw Milosz with its emphasis on the endurance of books on the shelf regardless of "castles blown up,/Tribes on the march, planets in motion."

After Princeton faculty member Gabe Hudson, a former Marine rifleman and author of a work of fiction about the Gulf War, addressed the gathering, Louisiana native Yusuf Komunyakaa, another of Princeton's three Pulitzer-prize-winning poets present, read from his work-in-progress entitled "Katriina." Both also made book donations, as did the third Pulitzer-prize winner, Paul Muldoon, who was recently named chair of the new University Center for the Creative and Performing Arts. In addition to his donation, Mr. Muldoon had offered the student organizers a box of books from the back of his car. After remarking on the importance of getting what lies beyond the foreground into perspective, he read his poem about reaching into a fissure in the wall of his home near the Delaware & Raritan canal and making contact with the time when Irish immigrants were building the canal, the same men, he said, who also helped build the levees in New Orleans.

Though John McPhee could not be present, he donated two of his books, *School of Nature* and *Annals of the Future*.

Another Point of View

Speaking on behalf of the Barbara Boggs Sigmund Community Alliance, David Newton, vice president of Palmer Square Management, made a point of "distancing" himself from the "earlier political comments" by emphasizing the "unconditional love" behind the Alliance's gift, a sentiment he felt transcended the question of responsibility for the the disaster and the government's flawed response to the aftermath.

For updates on the progress of the book levee/Katrina Project, see subsequent issues of Town Topics.

—Stuart Mitchner

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Submissions should be dropped off at the Town Topics booth at Communiversity on April 29th. Please include your name, age,grade and school. Also, please include telephone number and mailing address with your poem so winners may be contacted.

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Borough Council Introduces Budget, Door Left Open for Discussion

Princeton Borough Council swiftly introduced its $22.9 million operating budget for 2006 last Tuesday, but members of the governing body left the door open for debate before the measure goes up for a public hearing and vote on May 2.

The budget, representing a five-cent increase to 94 cents of every $100 of assessed property value, also levies a 5.5 percent property tax hike for Borough residents. Under the proposal, the owner of an average Borough home valued at $350,000 would now pay $3,290 a year in municipal tax, an increase of $175 from 2005.

And while the budget was introduced relatively quietly, with few questions coming from Council members following a budgetary overview by Borough Administrator Robert Bruschi, there still appears to be room for discussion in the next month. Councilman Roger Martindell, who also chairs the Borough's Finance Committee, indicated as much last week when he said that while the overall budget was "achievable, it doesn't mean that we will accept it, or that we won't challenge it."

Mr. Bruschi also indicated that the Borough needs "to do a self-examination" when it comes to affordable housing, particularly in matters relating to third party contracting. For the first time, the Borough needs an affordable housing subsidy in the municipal operating budget. Mr. Bruschi encouraged Council members to engage in a "philosophical discussion" to see where the program is headed. "Do we think this is something that we want to continue to manage in-house? There's a cost involved in that." Mr. Bruschi said Council would soon see costs from outside local vendors experienced in affordable housing that could conduct the program for the municipality.

Mr. Martindell said he would have to look at the entire program before agreeing to have an outside entity manage the affordable housing program.

Mr. Martindell also said the Borough should hold back on "one-shot revenues" that do not have a sustaining impact on future budgets. He reopened a discussion launched two years ago concerning raising parking meter rates: "Every dollar we get from the meters is a dollar we don't have to take from the taxpayer."

The increase follows a 2005 five-cent increase and a 2004 12-cent jump. However, Mr. Bruschi said the Borough has remained on course with minimal increases due largely to the municipality's switching its benefit carrier to the state health benefits program for employees. Additionally, Mr. Bruschi credited a revised debt service strategy as a primary means of curbing municipal spending. Debt service, which pertains to capital improvements such as road repair and reconstruction, had been escalating in previous years, but has leveled out at about $3.5 million per year.

The Borough also follows a multi-year budgeting approach that forecasts future budgets well in advance of introduction. The 2007 budget forecast is expected prior to May 2 following Finance Committee review.

Councilman Andrew Koontz called for a quarterly report on budgetary accomplishments.

—Matthew Hersh

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Forum Addresses Special Education Needs As District Looks To Streamline Costs

Four candidates vying for three seats on the Princeton Regional Board of Education faced off last night in a forum focusing on special education, including handling special-needs students and additional teaching aides in the classroom for students in need of assistance.

The candidates, Rebecca Cox and Josh Leinsdorf, who are running uncontested for two open Borough seats, and Mia Cahill and Caroline Mitchell who are battling for a single open seat in the Township, answered both prepared and audience questions at Monday night's forum at the John Witherspoon Middle School Library. The event, sponsored by the Special Education PTO, also addressed special education needs in the face of budgetary constraints.

Ms. Cox said Princeton was "ahead of the curve" when it comes to special education inclusion, crediting a strong belief in diversity throughout the community. Inclusion, she added, serves as a powerful tool for special education students because it encourages social interaction and allows for a greater venue for group learning, and access to the general curriculum.

"Students become a lot more involved, and are exposed to high expectations," she said, adding that potential pitfalls include creating an equitable environment that suits all students' needs: "it requires a great flexibility on the part of teachers and that can be a challenge."

Ms. Cox said inclusion is most easily implemented at the elementary level.

Mr. Leinsdorf also addressed a teacher's ability to include special education students in regular education classes, saying that he supported teacher's aides in classes.

"Diversity gets to be too much. You're only one person, and it really has to be a two-adult classroom.

"That's the only thing that's fair to everybody and, really, that only thing that works," he said, adding that "real diversity" and inclusiveness among students is not only a benefit to the special education student, but to the remainder of the class as well.

Statutory mandates for special education are geared toward the least restrictive environment for a student, a point Ms. Cahill used to gauge when, and if, a child should be included in, or removed from, a classroom for educational purposes. One of the benefits, she said, of keeping a child in the classroom and providing adequate support is that a student gains academically, socially, and behaviorally.

"If the supports are there, I think it's important for children to gain social skills that they can only really gain in group environments," she said. But to include a child in a classroom without adequate support, "you're only looking at a very stressful situation for that child, that child's family, and the class."

Ms. Cahill, who has a child in Community Park School, said the District was able to get an additional certified teacher in one of the classrooms to help with special education students.

Regarding testing for students, including special education students, Ms. Mitchell urged that the District look at tools needed in the classroom outside of standardized testing. She emphasized the importance of both students and parents knowing that a child is progressing within the program.

"Tests are a part of life, and they're not going away, but beyond standardized tests, how are we going to measure a student's progress in special education?" Ms. Mitchell said the School Board members need to rely on professional consultation both within and outside of the District.

Ms. Mitchell also called for tools other than standardized tests to measure a special education student's progress. "The Board would have to rely on specialists to know what those tools are," she said.

Ms. Mitchell also emphasized the importance of keeping students within the District rather than sending special education students elsewhere.

Current School Board members not seeking reelection are Anne Burns, a six-year member of the Board, and the Board's current presidents, and Glenn Schiltz, who is letting his first, three-year term expire.

The District's $72 million budget and the four candidates are up for election Tuesday, April 18.

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budget proposal would cost the hospital $4.5 million a year, eliminating its entire profit margin, the equivalent of laying off 80 people, and would hamper PHCS's chances of relocation.

"That would leave a big void in the health care of this region," she said, adding that the decimation of the hospital's profit margin would damage the institution's credit rating to the point where it would not be able to borrow money. At the end of the day, Ms. Hersh said, the proposal "takes away an economic tool in central New Jersey."

Hospitals generally operate on less than 1 percent profit, with UMCP working slightly above that number, and PHCS, under the president and CEO Barry Rabner, has worked toward getting above sea level again. "He did what he had to do to get us into the black, and that would be completely wiped out," Ms. Hersh said, also worrying that the governor's proposal would create a dichotomy when it comes to reimbursement per Medicaid patient served, with hospitals treating poorer patients receiving charity care funding where others, like UMCP, would not.

As charity care is only being funded at the 2002 level, the hospital is dealing with a double-edged sword: getting taxed more and not getting the reimbursement for charity care. Right now, PHCS receives about 45 cents per dollar in charity care. Under the budget proposal, that amount could sink to as low as 15 cents.

Ms. Hersh appeared alongside Carol Norris, PHCS vice president for Marketing and Public Affairs, Monday night at a forum sponsored by the Princeton Area League of Women Voters. Both officials, however, remained confident that the hospital's development plan would move forward, with Ms. Norris outlining the hospital's work with outside consultants in creating a strategy of moving to Plainsboro, with the goal of becoming one of the top 10 percent of hospitals in the country.

Concerning the FMC site, Ms. Norris said the completion of purchase is "close, but we're not quite there," adding that ground could still be broken as early as the fall of 2007.

The emerging debate as to whether the hospital should keep some sort of care facility on site has raised calls for a joint municipal task force to look at the issue.

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Peter Soderman in the Herban Garden

It was Riding in Cars with Boys*—well, not quite—with landscape artist Peter Soderman and stonemason Paul Browne to a place that Soderman described as Gotham quarry to select about 50 tons of rock for a project both men are involved in. It's the sort of chore that is all in a day's work for Soderman. Not coincidentally, "All in a Day's Work" is the title of this new Town Topics feature—a series of interviews offering people in the Princeton community the chance to talk in their own words about their own work. Here you will get acquainted with people you might see around town, like Peter Soderman, who maintains the Herban Garden on Paul Robeson Place and who was part of the team that made last year's Writers Block a reality.*

Peter Soderman has lived in Princeton for most of his 49 years save for sojourns in Colorado and New Mexico and a short time as a baby, of which he has no recollection. After graduating from Princeton High School, he went to Fork Union military school in Virginia. He learned tracking and survival skills from famed New Jersey naturalist Tom Browne ("The Tracker") and claims to have fallen into landscape design by default. It suits him though, as he has always felt the need "to create an Innisfree, a quiet place, a medicine place."

—Linda Arntzenius

You'd be shocked at how stressful my job is, like being a welder on the Titanic. Your body takes a physical beating in a job like this. This morning I picked out about 50 tons of quarry rock for a terracing project involving a waterfall and a pond. This afternoon I'm going to be building a fence and cutting beech staves.

I usually start my day by swimming and then I run or hit the heavy bag at the gym. Then I go to the library where I write business emails for an hour and a half. When it comes to working on a landscape, I have to be in the space to see what the sun is doing, what the wind is doing. I don't want to sound like some arcane mystic but you have to listen to the space. It's important to wing things, to put something up upside down occasionally, because mistakes usually bring you to new ideas. It usually happens with moving water. Directing drainage, for instance, as much of a curse as it is, often becomes a solution.

There's a difference between a guy who builds stone walls and a guy who frames a house, grabbing the same kind of predictable piece of lumber every time and following the blueprint. The guy who builds the stone wall has to renegotiate on the rocks' terms every time. There's a humility to that. The guy who builds stone walls thinks differently, he doesn't live in that squared metric where things are predictable. I don't build many stone walls, but I operate in the same way.

Synchronicity

I like to be the court jester of synchronicity. Synchronicity is the alignment of forces that creates momentum and some kind of magic, I guess. When there's synchronicity, there's a kind of bullet-proofness to something. It's in a restaurant kitchen, for example, during the 20 minutes before lunch. Things come together in a harmonious, intentional collaboration. Synchronicity happened with Writers Block. Here was a space that had been vacant for 12 years. People drove by and never asked questions about it. Spaces like that are not okay. We got a big kick out of it. One person in particular was a real Doubting Thomas. I bumped into him after he'd been out of town for a couple of months and he asked me what was happening with the "Dead Poets' Society thing." So I said why don't you take a walk up the street and tell me. There was a fashion show going on that day, with beautiful women sashaying around and about 300 people in the space. That shut him up!

Of course, it would never have happened without collaboration, without architect Kevin Wilkes and landscape architect Alan Goodheart. I was the dreamer. Alan was the editor. Kevin was the facilitator. Kevin can expedite, facilitate, and administrate. To use the most misused word in the English language, I was the visionary, in the sense that Don Quixote is a visionary, meaning a guy who's basically lost his mind!

I like to do socially redemptive projects that have an impact on the community, things like Writers Block and the Herban Garden, projects that require you take a vow of poverty, unfortunately. While there's not a lot of money in projects like this, there are satisfactions. I love to homestead a vacant space. The Herban Garden came about when Carlo Momo asked me to plant some tomatoes for him about five or six years ago. It has continued to mutate: a herb garden, a farmers market, an art venue. To me what's exciting is being able to create events and the social confluence of the market and artists' work. I still supervise the garden but I have a business to run, too.

Poets Alley

Poets Alley is my next project, working with the poets of Princeton to create a combination of water, light and sound installation, possibly video too. That's my hope. I've got to raise the money for it. That's one of the problems of being a garden artist, you've got to be creative about figuring out where the funding comes from. You've got to reinvent yourself every day. It's about trying to make the community a better place.

Princeton is, for me, a launching pad for such projects. I worked in Colorado and New Mexico for a time. I love the high plains, the wide open spaces, the power of the land in New Mexico. But people there don't have the same interest in fixing up their back yards as they do in New Jersey. They can go to the national parks and have spiritual experiences in the Rocky Mountains. In New Jersey a garden means more. We live in a place where it is cold six months out of the year and the soil is very fertile. That's a powerful combination for people with the desire to sequester, to have a beautiful garden in your own Jersey Nirvana.

As a kid growing up in Princeton I was a consummate athlete. I hung out on the playing fields with my two brothers. I spent a lot of time in the woods. I was a boy scout in Troup 88. I studied with Tom Brown in my thirties and early forties. As a kid, I wanted to be, believe it or not, a highly spiritual evolved being when I was an adult. I studied to be minister when I was in my early twenties in Philadelphia. With respect to that, my life is saturated with disappointment!

I'd like to travel. I'd like to live out West. But Princeton is my home base. It's a good town. People complain about it. I do too, but it's a good town, a real town. I have a lot of friends here.

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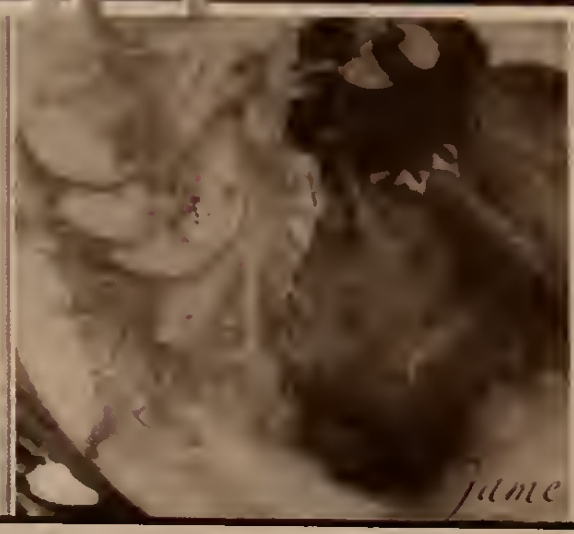

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and vehicular mobility in and around the area.

The study, sponsored by Princeton Future, precedes a formal April 20 hearing by the Regional Planning Board of Princeton at which Merwick will again be the center of discussion. In the meantime, however, architects have begun to put forth their own ideas. Princeton Future collaborators have said the aim is to assist the Planning Board with the process of rewriting the Princeton Community Master Plan, which would lead to eventual changes at the Merwick site, including zoning to accommodate any future development.

Presentations ranged from more specific designs to simply troubleshooting and pointing out what could be improved. Designs included those by Chris Knigge, assistant Borough Engineer; Richardson Smith Architects; Gittings Associates; architect Dan Rew; Outerbridge Morgan Associates; HACBM Architects; Francis Treves Architects; and Heidi Fichtenbaum of Farewell Mills Gatsch Architects and Charlotte Bialek, of the Princeton Regional Board of Education, both of whom presented independently of their respective professions.

Ideas raised during the session were the possible extension of Chambers Street north through the current Y playing fields; a "land swap" between a portion of the Y and Merwick; and an economical use of the Stanworth property—one that several architects said could be developed in more of a smart growth fashion.

Princeton University, which is the contract purchaser of the Merwick property, has expressed an interest in redeveloping the entire Merwick/Stanworth site, but has not put forth any concepts or proposals. University representatives have indicated that new development is at least five years off and that any building would be dictated by changes in zoning.

In addition to encouraging a Chambers extension, Mr. Knigge's plan included a parking garage built into the center of the Merwick site, a small amount of retail along Paul Robeson Place, and a plaza abutting John Street. His plan also included a new pedestrian connection into Stanworth.

Jesse Pederson, representing Richardson/Smith, did not propose a specific site plan, but expressed a hope that the University would acquire the Merwick site, and that Master Plan and zoning changes should encourage the University and the town working together on future development.

"We should have a unique and flexible pattern of zoning; an intelligent plan to zoning and design," Mr. Pederson said, echoing Mr. Knigge's model that a land swap should be considered between the Y and the Merwick property.

However, Mr. Pederson said the Master Plan should not promote street connections to surrounding neighborhoods and that the emphasis should be on biking and walking connectors.

Ms. Fichtenbaum picked the popular land-swap idea that would exchange some of the Y's site to bring a new street in to the west of John Street, and develop that street with housing similar to that of the John-Witherspoon neighborhood. She also promoted the "boulevard" approach to Route 206: "Rather than having a race strip, we should allow people to weave through the site, and work their way around surrounding neighborhoods."

Ms. Fichtenbaum's plan would also save the Y's Bramwell House and would place structured parking at the Y, getting rid of the surface lot, which would allow for a greater density, she said.

Ms. Fichtenbaum held off on a design proposal for Merwick, saying "it would be pushing the envelope a little too hard," but added that the space as it currently stands, "is not well used."

Conversely, Bill Gittings of Gitting Associates focused heavily on the Stanworth site, arguing that providing affordable homes "is really crucial, but the way it's designed, it's an enclave, and an odd mixture of one-story pieces and two-story pieces."

Mr. Gittings also addressed the so-called Merwick Woods to the east of Merwick, saying that a good portion of the brush could be cleared, but that an existing row of Sycamore trees should remain.

Dan Rew, of CUH2A, looked at vehicular flow, and encouraged the idea of a throughway running from downtown toward Community Park, adding that resulting development would be in line with the surrounding neighborhoods.

Peter Morgan, of Outerbridge Morgan, cited the redevelopment of London after the Great Fire of 1666, particularly that of Bedford Square, creating a "permeability through the site of what is private and public." He also proposed structured public parking off Paul Robeson, servicing the neighborhoods and the Y.

Mr. Morgan also supported the idea of running a connector street from Stanworth to Leigh Avenue.

Perhaps the most surprising presentation was from Dr. Ahmed Azmy, of HACBM architecture, who encouraged the University to purchase the Merwick land but then donate it to the municipality. "It could be a marvelous thing," he said.

Nearly all of the presenters supported the idea of preserving the original Merwick Mansion to serve as either a community center or to be split into tenements.

—Matthew Hersh

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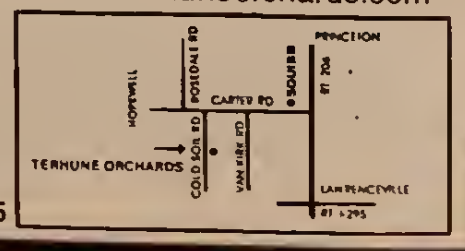

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student credited the center with raising his grade from a C to an A in chemistry and thanked Mr. Kushner for his care in choosing a good-fit tutor.

In support of Mr. Kushner, who has been director of the Center for three years, senior Matthew Feeney presented the Board with a petition expressing the view that "the position of director is essential to the smooth running of the IDEAS center."

Senior Rohith Chandrasekar argued that the job of director of the IDEAS center was too important to cut or replace with a part-time position. He praised Mr. Kushner's way of interacting with students. "Minority student achievement is supported greatly by the IDEAS Center and Mr. Kushner," he said.

In response, Ms. Wilson said that the issue before the board is not the elimination of the IDEAS center but a consolidation of staffing.

New Wellness Policy

Chair of the Wellness Policy Committee Mary Anne Brungart presented findings to the Board with respect to the new wellness policy that she has been working to develop with colleagues since last fall.

To comply with the federal government's Child Nutrition and Women, Infants and Children Reauthorization Act of 2004, and state mandates designed to combat obesity, the Princeton Regional School District must have a wellness policy in place by the start of the new school year in September and be in compliance with the policy by September 2007.

The state mandate requires districts to adopt a general school nutrition policy that would forbid the sale of foods of minimal nutritional value, such as candy. The requirement applies to food sold through the school lunch program, snacks from vending machines, as well as foods sold at bake sales.

Ms. Brungart, who is school nurse at John Witherspoon Middle School (JWMS), reported that currently 6.6 percent of students at the middle school are overweight and that over 2 percent qualify as obese.

The Wellness Policy Committee has drawn up goals and objectives in the areas of physical fitness, nutrition (including food service operations), and nutrition education, as well as in the area of program assessment. It recommends that each school in the district have a wellness committee that would combat obesity and promote a healthy lifestyle.

"Current physical education programs do not meet the needs of our at-risk students," said Ms. Brungart, "and nutrition also falls short." She commended the successful gardening program at Riverside Elementary School, which she suggested might be expanded or adopted by other schools.

Superintendent of Schools Judith A. Wilson acknowledged the work of the volunteers who had worked to put the wellness policy in place. "I expect this to be a hallmark throughout the state," she said. "The proposed new policy goes beyond the government-mandated guidelines to help promote fitness and good nutrition for all district students." She said that the board would complete its review and analysis of the proposed policy before the start of the new school year in September.

The Board also heard formal resolutions in recognition of the contributions of departing members, President Anne Burns and board member Glenn Schiltz, neither of whom is seeking re-election.

Member Michael Mostoller commended Ms. Burns for her penetrating intelligence, her warmth and wit, her energy and enthusiasm, her commitment to all. There were tears from Ms. Burns as she received a standing ovation from those attending.

Mr. Schiltz was commended for his efforts in minority education. "Glen has challenged us with his penetrating questions which have made our deliberations more thoughtful," commented Ms. Burns.

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Ms. Vannerson attended the Christine Valmy Skin Care Institute in New York, and was licensed as a skin care specialist. She is now also licensed in New Jersey. In addition, she is a licensed massage therapist, having trained at the Swedish Institute for Massage in New York.

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Mother's Day

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Opened in 1994, the showroom focuses on stone and ceramic tiles, especially popular for kitchen, bath, and foyer—although they are now seen in any room in the house, notes store manager, Maureen McGraw.

"You also see more glass, including glass vessel sinks, shower enclosures, and countertops, " she points out. "We use a lot of glass inserts, too, in decorative pieces for walls, and metal accents also continue to be popular."

Stone and ceramic tile are increasingly in demand, and they are appropriate lor different styles ol home decor. "The Tuscan look and tumbled stone has great appeal, here," says Ms. McGraw. "It is very tactile. You want to touch it."

Ceramic tile, slate, limestone, marble, and onyx are favorites, and onyx has a translucent quality, popular for back lighting, she points out.

Shore Houses

Countertops are another part of Princeton Stone & Tile's business, she adds. "We do a lot of limestone countertops, also granite, and marble (not for kitchen). Granite is the strongest, then limestone."

Tile and stone are also favorites for screened porches and shore houses. "We are busy with those, and we also ship to other places for customers who have second homes."

Ms McGraw points out that tile and stone used outside for patios and walkways, etc. must be stronger with an added thickness to withstand the elements and prevent cracking in winter.

"It's a more relaxed lifestyle today, she adds. "People like tile and stone because it looks great, is durable, with easy maintenance, and there is a comlort level to it."

With so many designs and patterns available, the possibilities and choices are nearly endless. There is certainly something for everyone's taste. If customers are uncertain, Ms. McGraw and the design team will be glad to advise.

"We get a leel for people's taste for color and their style, and go on from there." she says.

An Oasis

Stone and tile for kitchen and bath floors, walls, and backsplashes are the major focus, she adds. "We do a lot of both, and baths in particular are becoming an oasis for people. They are bigger, and customers want something really special. We also do bench seats lor the shower. Stone is popular for that."

Time of completion ol a re-do depends on the materials chosen. Hand-done tiles may take four weeks just to be delivered, for example. "Typically, a standard bathroom can take from two to three weeks at a minimum for labor, including taking out the existing floor and/or walls, and putting in the new," notes Ms. McGraw. "Of course, the decision-making takes time too."

Generally, the cost ol tile and stone is determined by the square loot. Decorative tiles, however, are priced by the piece.

She points out that the staff at Princeton Stone & Tile sees the project through from beginning to end. "We do a lot ol hand-holding here. There is plenty ol care and personal attention, and it sets us apart. Our stafl really likes what they do, and are very knowledgeable. It's very collaborative here. We are really a team.

"We also have our own installers," she adds, "and that same care and personal service goes out into the lield."

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Ms. McGraw, who has a B.F.A. in line art and a background in jewelry design, is especially pleased to be in a creative environment and in a position to help customers achieve the look they want. "It's a line line between accommodating the clientele and also educating them. You want to strike a nice balance."

Work of Art

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"I look lorward to seeing things grow and grow under Ricky's leadership," she adds. "He keeps shaking things up, and it's great working here. Ricky is just as considerate ol the stall as he is ol the customers."

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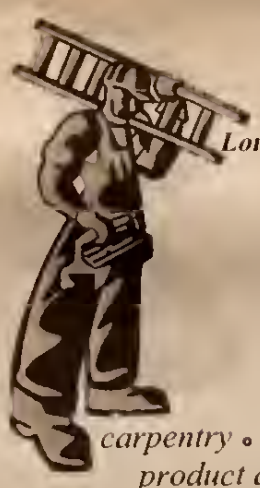

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MAILBOX

Front Page Editorial of 60 Years Ago Commended for Memories It Evoked

To the Editor:

Thank you for reproducing in the March 29 issue the front page of the first Town Topics, printed exactly 60 years ago. The editorial solemnly welcomed back the men and women of Princeton who served in World War II and observed their reentry into all facets of life in their town, "making places for themselves in the peacetime sun."

I was struck by the graceful tone of the writing — heartfelt yet direct, elegant yet restrained. In three succinct and poignant paragraphs, the editorial embraced those who stayed, those who left, and those who returned, and addressed them as members of one purposeful community.

This eloquent piece reminded me why journalists were once revered.

JANET STERN
Monroe Lane

Democrats' Backroom Dealing Decried In Lead-Up to Primary Election in June

To the Editor:

I am appalled, yet not surprised, by the backroom secret negotiations that have taken place in the last few weeks at the Township Committee. The fact that Bill Hearon would withdraw his resignation when someone other than Scott Carver was to replace him is shameful. After Chad Goerner had received the majority of votes over Scott Carver from the Township Democratic Committee, Mr. Carver withdrew his name in a fit of sour grapes. When Mr. Hearon was faced with having Mr. Goerner replace him he rescinded his resignation. The fact that the process can be thwarted by two people is a sad fact of the Democratic party in Princeton.

Look for more maneuvering and secret deals in the months leading up to the next election. All the while the same people (Mr. Carver and Mr. Hearon) will talk about wanting a more "open process." It is doubtful that there will be any new names on the Democratic ticket.

Thanks, Bill and Scott; by following your own selfish agendas you make all Democrats look bad.

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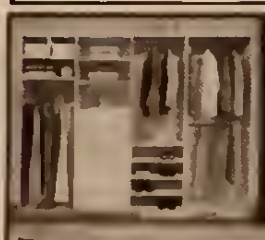

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Township Seen as Violating Its Own Ordinance Covering Residential Lots

To The Editor:

From the do as I say, not as I do column, comes this, from the Spring 2006 Princeton Township Newsletter, page 3, "Zoning Department Updates":

"The Township found (through numerous studies) that flooding, erosion, and water pollution occurs in the township due to excessive storm water run-off from construction of impervious surfaces such as roofs, driveways, parking areas, patios, and walkways. Because this has become an issue of great concern, the Township enacted an Impervious Coverage Limitation Ordinance, a zoning bulk requirement, which limits the amount of impervious coverage one can have on a residential building lot."

Now fast forward to Township Committee meetings as recent as March 27, wherein an impervious cover of some length (a sidewalk, where none presently exists) is being foisted on Overbrook Drive residential building lots in the guise of improved drainage and roadwork.

Are we speaking the same language?

SUSAN B. LOEW
Overbrook Drive

Another Eyesore Spotted in Borough: Traffic Light Arm at Monument Park

To the Editor:

Has anyone else noticed the eyesore recently erected in Monument Park in front of Borough Hall—our quaint Town Square, our emerging outdoor statue museum, our midtown cherry blossom grove?

NJDOT trucks rolled up the other day, and the hardhat boys installed a utilitarian traffic light extension arm at the intersection of Nassau Street and Bayard Lane. Like a thumb in the eye, they stuck (ouch!) yet another traffic light into dramatic promenade vista showcasing the Battle of Princeton Monument by Frederick MacMonnies. Smack in the middle of the elegant sight line from Nassau Street now hangs "Delayed Green." Considering its ugly consequence for our village green, it might as well read, "Diminished Green."

Sure, Route 206 is a state road. Sure, traffic regulation is a problem. But enough already. Where were Princeton's Historical Preservation Commission or Zoning Board in this process?

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BOOK REVIEW

Cleaning House, or: The New Yorker Ate My Study

I wish New Yorker cartoonist Charles Addams were alive to draw the nightmare I had before I finally rounded up numerous errant back issues of the magazine he worked for and dragged them out for recycling. If you're old enough to be a radio person, you remember Fibber McGee's closet. Every time he opened the door, a sound-effects-man's dream of junk would fall on his head. Or maybe you remember the scene in the Marx Brothers' *A Night at the Opera* where the human multitude packed into a tiny stateroom comes spilling out when someone opens the door. And if you live in Princeton, you may have had uneasy images of water rising up through the floorboards and engulfing your cozy home. Now imagine back issues of the New Yorker pushing up through the floor, pouring out of the bathroom, or tumbling down on your head when you open the closet door. In my dream, I actually found heaps of the things rustling and thrusting suggestively about, caught in the act, cohabitating, mating under cover of darkness to produce yet more little New Yorkers.

You'd think the housekeeping benefits alone would be reason enough to invest in *The Complete New Yorker*, which sells online for a price ranging from $48 to $70. Last time I checked, the best deal was at thenewyorkerstore.com.

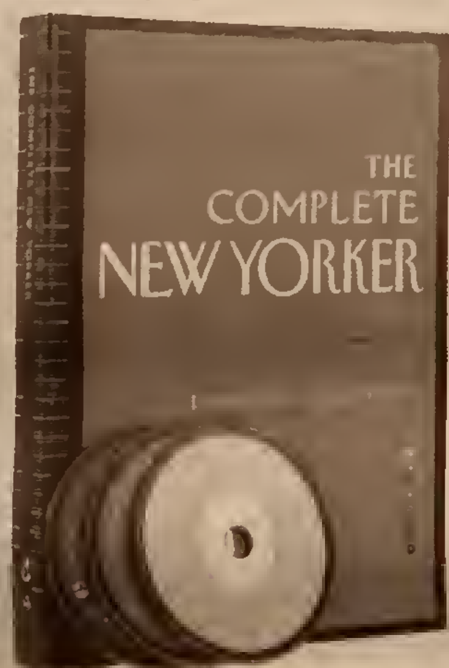
As tempted as I was by the possibility of having access to the covers, cartoons, features, poetry, fiction, and reviews, not to mention the order-enhancing prospect of having it all neatly contained on eight compact DVD-ROMS, that wasn't what actually inspired me to purchase *The Complete New Yorker*; it was the idea of being able to browse through the magazine's documentation of almost nine decades of Manhattan night life, all the plays, movies, jazz, all the theatres, moviehouses, and night clubs. My fascination with this aspect of the city is easily explained. Imagine being raised in Indiana and then spending the ninth grade going to the same school off Central Park West that the author of *The Catcher in the Rye* spent the ninth grade in 20 years before me. I had to take the subway to McBurney every morning but after school I walked home through Times Square in the days when first-run moviehouses like the Astor and the Victoria featured immense billboards, and the RKO Palace still had daytime vaudeville between movies, and you could go to a matinee at the Music Hall with a stage show for 75 cents. Those were also the days when they let underage kids in to hear Count Basie and Dizzy Gillespie at Birdland as long as they stuck to Cokes and Ginger Ale.

It makes sense, then, that the offices of The New Yorker have always been within shouting distance of the Great White Way. And today they're right in the heart of it at 4 Times Square.

Reading in the Original

One of the advantages of having every issue of the magazine at hand is the opportunity to see special pieces in their original surroundings. While Joseph Mitchell's slices of New York life may be no less evocative in book form, they are literally in their element in the magazine, and if you can believe the The New Yorker is New York, you're closer to the source as you peruse "McSorley's Wonderful Saloon" amid the ads, cartoons, poetry, and "Goings On About Town" reflecting the time and the place. The same is true of landmark features such as Lillian Ross's profile of Ernest Hemingway, or John Hersey's *Hiroshima*, or Truman Capote's *In Cold Blue* (with the Richard Avedon photos).

J.D. Salinger, my old schoolmate 20 years removed, has probably consumed more space in more single New Yorkers than anyone else, and the only back issues of the magazine I've collected have been the ones with his work in them. Whenever an installment from his Glass family saga was looming, the editors reportedly had to pressure him to give them a firm date so that they could set aside virtually an entire issue for "Raise High the Roof Beam, Carpenters" which ran from p. 51 to p. 116; "Seymour: An Introduction" (42 to 111); "Zooey," (32 to 139); and "Hapworth 16, 1924," the last work he allowed into print back on June 19, 1965, which ran from p. 32 to p. 113. Maybe because I sensed it might be the last sighting of the misanthropic author in his native New Yorker habitat, I made sure to hang on to that issue. I'm glad I did because it's the only place 7-year-old Seymour's magnificently verbose, "touching," "heartrending" (his two favorite words) letter from summer camp can be found—unless you're willing to shell out anywhere from $200 to $2000 for one of the 20-odd copies available online of the pirated editon of Salinger's "complete uncollected short stories." This nutty letter has a spirit and style as unique as Holden Caulfield's and it makes fans like myself want to read more about Buddy, Zooey, Franny, and all the other Glasses. For 40-plus years readers have been waiting for the other hand to clap, and now, sad as it seems, they're waiting for the author to die, assuming that not until then will the world see the book or books he's been working on all this time.



Getting Around In It

Needless to say, reading in, or even flipping through, *The Complete New Yorker* isn't as comfortable as reading a book, though I suppose if you have a laptop you can stretch out in a hammock or on a couch and enjoy yourself. Even so, you need to be patient and persistent. For one thing, the package is necessarily unwieldy, and the book inside the covers is attached in a way that makes it difficult to read without forcibly detaching it, which seems like a violation of the packaging. Unless you download the whole set, which requires either Windows 2000 and XP or Mac OS X 10.3, not to mention 750 MB hard drive space and 1024 x 768 minimum screen resolution, you need to change disks whenever you want to surf between decades. So far I prefer to browse by cover; you click on the one for the date you want from a page displaying the front covers for a particular year and it shows you the contents along with an abstract of key words; there are varying levels of magnification you can use for reading; you can see either two pages in one go (via the flip mode), the way you would if you were holding the issue in your hands, or you can browse page by page, backwards or forwards, with a click of the up or down keys on your keyboard. The few times I've tried to search using the index have been somewhat frustrating since the documentation seems less thorough than you would expect for so famously detail-oriented a publication, although this may well be simply a matter of getting used to the system. The New Yorker website offers detailed help.

Then and Now

If you start your tour from the beginning, in February 1925, you'll notice by the spring of that year a drastic falling off in the number of ads, and a corresponding dip in the page count to a mere 24. According to *Genius in Disguise*, Thomas Kunkel's biography of New Yorker editor Harold Ross, the situation was so bleak that Ross and his partners decided to "kill the magazine" at a meeting at the Princeton Club, of all places. Fortunately, they changed their minds a day later, planning to limp through the summer and hold their best material in reserve for a big push in the fall. By July finances were so stretched that the cover of one issue had to be printed in black and white. A few months later things picked up in a big way, thanks to popular features such as "Why We Go to Cabarets: A Post-Deubtante Explains" and new columns like "On and Off the Avenue," which appealed to shoppers and attracted ads from Saks and B. Altman's. By December the page count was up to 56 and French perfumes and luxury automobiles were among the products being advertised.

Now behold the latest incarnation, which just landed on our doorstep. While the baseball-diamond front cover of April 3, 2006, looks at first glance as if it could have served in April 3, 1926, you'll notice that all the players on the field are on the same scale except the left fielder, a steroid-swollen monster meant, of course, to represent Barry Bonds. The cover's title is "Bigger Than the Game." And inside the new issue you have The Talk of the Town talking about the "construct of delusion" otherwise known as the invasion of Iraq. You also have pieces on poverty, radical Muslims, and you have Princeton poet C.K. Williams's searing "Cassandra, Iraq," a topical poem that, like the best poetry, transcends its topic. It's safe to say that the original editors, who pledged in the first issue "to be gay, humorous, satirical, but to be more than a jester," would find recent cover art well on the wild side of mere satire. The February 27 cover, for instance, shows the President and Vice President in Brokeback Mountain attire, clearly up to no good as Vice holds his smoking gun. Not a bad day's work for one cover: to suggest in a single amusing yet sinister image the recklessness of the current administration; a popular movie with a theme sure to offend the anti-same-sex-marriage lobby; and the cowboy role-playing of the president who promised to bring in Osama bin Laden "Dead or Alive."

Two Days, Two Covers

The only two New Yorker covers I ever saved were atypical, I suppose. They weren't witty or playful or even particularly colorful. They just happened to coincide with my mood on two significant occasions. My parents had both been aspiring writers who dreamed of one day placing a story in The New Yorker. For as far back as I can remember we had a folding screen decorated with covers of the magazine that reflected the dream (unrealized) of one day seeing something they'd written in its pages. The first cover I saved, from the issue of December 18, 1978, the day my mother died, shows light flooding through the great windows of Grand Central Station; the second one, for April 14, 1986, the day my father died, shows an empty chair, conveying a mood not unlike the other, except instead of the image of rays of light pouring down on the business of daily life, the suggestion is simply that someone who had been sitting in the chair was no longer there.

—Stuart Mitchner

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Writing What She Knows, Raboteau Makes Art of Her Life in Princeton

Emily Raboteau returned to her home town of Princeton last Thursday evening to read an excerpt from her first novel, The Professor's Daughter, as part of the Caroline Llewellyn Champlin Writers Talking Series and Princeton Reads at the Princeton Public Library. She is currently a professor of creative writing at City College of New York in Harlem.

On her first visit to the library since its renovation, Ms. Raboteau welcomed her father, mother, stepmother, and younger brother and acknowledged lots of familiar faces in the audience. She recalled the encouragement she had as a student in the Princeton schools: "I was always told by my teachers that I was good at writing," she said, "and I feel lucky that I am doing the thing I'm most talented at."

For her first book, Ms. Raboteau said that she followed the advice to write about what you know. She has woven her experiences as the daughter of Princeton University Professor of Religion, Albert Raboteau, and teacher of second grade at Community Park School, Katherine Murtaugh, into *The Professor's Daughter*, the story of Emma Boudreaux and her family.

Like her character Emma, Emily Raboteau is the only daughter of an African-American father and a white mother. The novel is filled with scenes, streets, events, and characters familiar to residents of Princeton.

While there are numerous parallels between the novel and her own life, Ms. Raboteau is quick to point out that *The Professor's Daughter* is not a memoir. "The main character, Emma Boudreaux, has a name like mine because she's like me. Likewise, many of the characters have names resembling those of their real-life counterparts. Reality was the point of departure for making huge imaginative leaps," she said.

Before reading from the novel's first chapter, Ms. Raboteau spoke about the personal struggle with the issue of racial identity that moved her to write the book: "'What are you?' is not an everyday question," she said, "but one I get asked everyday." When she was growing up in Princeton, she said, this issue was one that she faced daily. The lunchroom at John Witherspoon Middle School, for example, presented a black or white decision of where to sit. Later at Princeton High School and in college, she found the recurring puzzle of her identity so disturbing and the stock answer– "My mother is white, and my father is black" so unsatisfactory that she set out to tackle the issue at a deeper level. Seven years in the making, *The Professor's Daughter* is the result.

Ms. Raboteau now lives in Harlem, to which she recently moved from Brooklyn. She feels more comfortable living in ethnically and racially diverse neighborhoods. Of her life in Brooklyn, she has said: "Every time I walk my dog I hear a dozen languages spoken. Isn't that incredible? It cultures me, like a pearl. Where else would I have such opportunity to be a citizen of the world?

Because of the light color of her skin, Ms. Raboteau has been privy to racist views from white people who mistake her ethnicity for the middle east or southeast Asia. "Recently," she reported, "a hairdresser asked me where I lived. 'Brooklyn's getting better,' she whispered, 'But it's still full of black people.'" When working as a waitress, she was told by her white manager "not to waste effort serving black customers because 'they never tip.'"

While reading, Ms Raboteau occasionally raised her eyes from her text and smiled toward the place where her mother Katherine Murtaugh was sitting in the audience. The brief connection seemed to acknowledge those points of convergence in the novel where fiction met memoir. As when, for example, her character Emma was describing her mother's fondness for buying second-hand-store furniture and again when Emma confronted with the chaos of home reported that "her mother wasn't a disciplined housekeeper."

During the question and answer session that followed, Ms. Raboteau was asked about the novel's impact upon her parents. "On hearing about the book, the parents of a friend said 'Oh, Emily's poor parents,' as if I had written an exposé of my family," she laughed, but admitted that it was such a worry for her that she had sent each of them the draft. "I was concerned about how my family would react but I didn't want that anxiety to censor my process. I wanted to write the book I wanted to read as a teenager (the one that didn't exist). I wanted to honor my family."

She was also asked about the scene in the novel where Emma is offered a black doll for her birthday. The store where Emma and her mother have gone to buy a Stork Baby has a two-week waiting period for a white baby but, they are told, black dolls are available immediately. The implication is not lost on young Emma. For the child in

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THE PROFESSOR'S DAUGHTER: Emily Raboteau was moved to write a work of fiction based on her life growing up in Princeton as the daughter of an African-American father and a white mother. *(Photo courtesy of Ms. Raboteau)*

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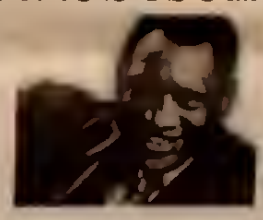

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the novel, the black doll "didn't seem as good."

Ms. Raboteaux played with black and white dolls. She had a black Cabbage Patch Kid and a white one. She had a black Disco Barbie and a white Country Western Barbie. Her favorite doll, however, was a rag doll with blue gingham skin and blue yarn hair, which she recently rescued from her mother's attic. The doll was so covered in stains that she had to be put through the washer. Spruced up with her tattered pinafore patched, the doll now sits on Ms. Raboteau's bed and will be the subject of her next book, a children's book titled *Christina Blue*. Her father is the rain and her mother is a cloud and she lives in the sky.

Ms. Raboteau said that she feels privileged to have grown up in Princeton where she received an excellent education and encouragement. It's a privilege that she does not take for granted. Recalling a mentoring program for inner-city girls aged from 7 to 12 that she participated in when she was a student at Yale, she described the sadness of meeting one of the girls later and finding out that of the eight, only one had made it all the way through high school. Several already had babies and one was dead. "The odds are so staggeringly stacked against them," she said.

In addition to being the story of Emma's struggle for identity, *The Professor's Daughter* is also a critique of racism. Emma's grandfather was brutally murdered and the book tackles the historical legacy of lynching. That *The Professor's Daughter* has been placed in the African American Studies section, however, rather in the new books section of most book stores, is a "ghetto-ization of literature" that Ms. Raboteau finds unfortunate as well as ironic. "I don't think of this as a black book or a work of black fiction," she said.

The professor's daughter is now a professor herself: "When my students ask me, "How do I write a story?" she has said, "I tell them to begin with a character. I tell them to care about that character, even if she's rotten; to make her real by giving her the attributes of a person from their life; to imagine her problem, then to make the problem grow. I tell them to make her act, and if she is brave, or cowardly, or confused, or enraged, or in love, to convey this through her actions. I tell them to allow her to speak in her own voice. I tell them they don't need to know where the story will end when they begin. I don't know any other way."

Ms. Raboteau admires writers who first and foremost create memorable characters—Mark Twain, Zora Neale Hurston, James Weldon Johnson, James Baldwin, Ralph Ellison, Toni Morrison and Chester Himes, among them. She cites Charles Rowell, the editor of Callaloo, for his insightful advice: "You don't want to make art about your color, your race, your culture or your community. You want to use your community, your culture and your race to make a piece of art."

Ms. Raboteau said that she feels much more comfortable in her skin after writing *The Professor's Daughter*.

—Linda Arntzenius

Cool Women Poets Coming For "Talk Back" At B & N

Princeton's Cool Women Poets are returning by request to Barnes & Noble, Marketfair, with "Cool Women Talk Back!," on Monday, April 10, at 8 p.m.This Poetry Month tradition for Delaware Valley Poets is expected to generate a full house, with many in the audience likely to read their own new poems at the "open mike" that follows. The event is free and open to the public.

Cool Women has also announced the installation of a new member, Juditha Dowd, of Sergeantsville.

Cool Women was transformed from a monthly critique forum to performance status seven years ago, with a request for Valentine poems from Princeton's Micawber Books. "Hot Poems," the first theme, became an annual celebration in two venues. "Cool Women Light Warm Fires," giving a reading at 4:30 p.m. "Talk Women Talk," "Spring Forward," and "Sing the Body Electric" (a May tradition at Grounds for Sculpture, this year at 3 p.m. on May 21) are among their most popular themes. A new tack will be unveiled at the Princeton University Store, May 20, at 4 p.m., with "Cool Women: Forces of Nature."

NEW MEMBER: Juditha Dowd of Sergeantsville is the newest member of Cool Women Poets.

Dave Eggers Reading At 185 Nassau Street

Dave Eggers, author of *A Heortbreaking Work of Staggering Genius* (2000), will be on Wednesday, April 12, in the James Stewart Theater, 185 Nassau Street. In 2002 he published *You Shall Know Our Velocity*. An expanded and revised version was released as *Sacroment* in 2003 and then retitled *You Sholl Know Our Velocity* for its Vintage release. He has since also published a collection of short stories, *How We Are Hungry*.

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2. **BEING SELFISH:** Love is not competition. If you do not give, then you will not receive. Unless you feed the emotional needs of your wife, she will starve, and be unable and unwilling to feed you.

3. **BEING JEALOUS:** Love is a quality, not a quantity. The time given by your wife to your children, parents and friends does not decrease what you get; it only increases her ability to love you all the more.

4. **BEING VENGEFUL:** As your goal is intimacy vs. victory, holding grudges or throwing a litany of past mistakes at your wife only pushes her away from you. Giving her another chance to grow gives you another chance to be loved.

5. **BEING SECRETIVE:** The goal is to be one, not two. Not sharing your worries and whereabouts erodes trust. Separating income and bills into "his" and "her" separate piles leads to separate lives.

6. **NOT TALKING:** Being too busy to talk means a growing chasm filled with alienation and loneliness. Giving a little to each other now will save you from spending a lot of time later with a divorce lawyer.

7. **NOT CHOOSING:** Trying to please your mother and your wife gets you stuck in the middle. Put your wife first, and she will put you first.

8. **NOT FLEXIBLE:** Rigidly forcing the "same old, same old" down your wife's throat may win the battle, but you will lose the war. Loosen up, and realize that there are two sides to any argument, and that surprisingly you may just be wrong!

9. **NOT ROMANTIC:** When was the last time that you gave your wife flowers, took her out to dinner, or told her that you love her? Hold her hand, give her a hug and kiss. A little effort will give you a big result!

10. **NOT PRAYING:** The old saying "the family that prays together stays together" points to our need for spiritual insight in a world blinded by secularism. Take your wife to church.

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The exhibit was curated by Susan Tamulevich, principle of Horticurious, in association with the College of the Atlantic in Bar Harbor, Maine. Other venues have included the Royal Botanical Garden in Canada and United State Botanic Garden in Washington, D.C. The exhibit has also been featured in Martha Stewart Living.

"A Place to Take Root" traces the history, explores the materials and shapes, and tracks the evolution of the flowerpot from Egypt up to the present day. There is a special emphasis on the flowering of American designs in the 18th and 19th centuries, as well as innovative contemporary designs. Over 100 pots will be on display during the exhibit's eight week run at Morven, many provided by potter, Guy Wolff.

Ms. Tamulevich will lead a curator's tour of the exhibit at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 8 and again on Saturday, May 6. Morven Museum and Garden is located at 55 Stockton Street. Admission is $5 for adults and $4 for seniors. For additional information, call (609) 924-8144, ext. 100 or visit www.morven.org.

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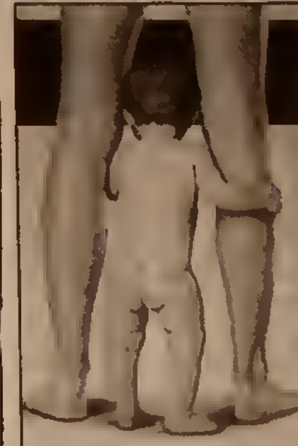

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Arts Council Announces Spring Class Registration

The Arts Council of Princeton's spring semester of classes is now open for registration. A full description of all of the courses and programs can be found on the Arts Council's website: www.artscouncilofprinceton.org. Registration can be filled out on line or can be received over the phone at (609) 924-8777.

The spring semester begins the week of April 17 and ends the week of June 19, with a wide array of classes in ceramics, painting, drawing, mixed media, photography, dance, drama, and new this spring, video.

This semester the Arts Council is adding a number of new classes to its schedule. For adults, a variety of painting classes offer instruction in acrylic, oils, and watercolor. Three new mixed-media classes give students the opportunity to experiment with a variety of different media. For example, in "Collage," students can choose either to be guided by the instructor or to work independently using the expressive and creative processes entailed in collage. Another new mixed media class is "Personal Mandalas," a workshop series designed to increase individual creativity while focusing on the meditative quality of mandalas.

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The Arts Council's literary curriculum this semester features three new classes. "Women's Memoir Writing" is an eight-week memoir writing class exclusively for women, helping them begin telling the stories they were meant to tell. "Guided Writing: So You Want to Write Something?" gives writers the opportunity to read their work to other writers both for peer feedback and to receive guidance in writing clear, sharp, and effective prose, whether fiction or nonfiction, book, short story, or essay. The Rag and Bone Shop: A Two-Part Writing Workshop will provide professional and innovative guidance for students' writing. Together, students will identify the essential experience that prompted a particular piece of writing, and then work on honing the best possible expression for the experience.

In addition to classes for children, including drawing, painting, mixed media, photography, dance, and drama, the Arts Council is offering two new classes for teens. "Graphic Design Concepts" is a course that guides students ages 14-18 toward developing a good design concept. It is an appropriate class both for students who may want to pursue graphic design in college and for young artists interested in developing their design techniques. The second new class is the Teen Videographers Project led by staff from TV30, Princeton's local public access cable channel. In this class, students ages 13-18 will be introduced to the video camera and gain instruction and experience in videography for the purpose of filming interviews and other simple programs. There will be opportunities to be part of a video crew involved in filming Princeton Community TV programs, and guidance will be given for creating student-led projects.

Classes are scheduled during both daytime hours and evenings as well as on Saturdays. Scholarships for qualified students are available.

WORK IN PROGRESS: Instructor Gregory Perkel shown teaching the Arts Council's Study of the Head and Torso Class. The Arts Council's spring semester of classes is now open for registration. A full description of all of the courses and programs can be found on the Arts Council's website: www.artscouncilofprinceton.org.

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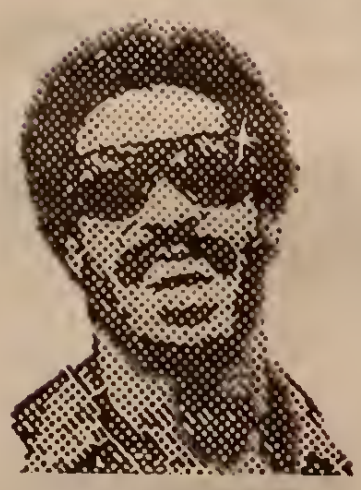

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The Abraham Kuyper Center of Public Theology will hold a consultation on Ambassador Seiple's Kuyper Lecture on Friday morning April 7, with responses to the lecture by Ms. Kaley Middlebrooks Carpenter of Princeton Seminary, Dr. C.J. Klop of the Radboud Universiteit Nijmegen, The Netherlands, and Dr. D.J. Smit of the University of Stellenbosch, South Africa.

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Arts Council Presents 'Writers Block Revisited'

The Arts Council of Princeton will feature a discussion titled "Writers Block Revisited" by "Writers Block" organizers Peter Soderman, Alan Goodheart, and Kevin Wilkes at the conTEMPORARY Arts Center at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday April 6. The discussion is part of an ongoing Architecture and the Arts lecture series. Admission is free.

In the summer of 2005, after forming a group called "Princeton Occasions," the three men began planning an elaborate architectural and sculptural garden in a vacant lot located within a block in each direction of the Princeton Public Library, the YM/YWCA, Palmer Square, and the Witherspoon neighborhood.

The project, called Writer's Block, consisted of a series of 12 "Follies," or sculptural installations, created by architect/writer/builder teams. A site design team comprised of architects, landscape architects, and horticulturalists was responsible for the overall layout and landscape components of the plan. Each of the three organizers will describe his experience with the project and the challenges of making it a reality.

During Thursday's discussion, the three will also speak about Quark Park, their new project involving science and art. The new project, planned for summer 2006, will consist of teams of scientists and sculptors working with landscape architects and builder to create a new art/science garden.

The program will take place at the conTEMPORARY Arts Center, located at 301 N. Harrison St. in the Princeton Shopping Center next to Eckerd pharmacy. Plenty of parking is available. For more information, call (609)-924-8777 or visit www.artscouncilofprinceton.org.

REVISITING THE WRITERS BLOCK: This John James Rivera/Paul Sigmund "folly" was among the 12 sculptural installations making up the short-lived architectural and sculptural garden known as the Writers Block. Organizers Peter Soderman, Alan Goodheart, and Kevin Wilkes will take part in a discussion titled "Writers Block Revisited" at the conTEMPORARY Arts Center at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday April 6.

Arts Council Celebrates Robeson's 108th Birthday

The Arts Council of Princeton will celebrate the life and legacy of Paul Robeson at its conTEMPORARY Arts Center on Saturday April 8 at 2 p.m. A documentary about Robeson's life will be presented by film historian Bruce Lawton. Robeson's music will be part of the event, courtesy of the Princeton Record Exchange.

Paul Robeson

This celebration is free, open to the public, and will include refreshments. Paul Robeson, Jr. is expected to attend the event.

Paul Leroy Robeson was born in Princeton on April 9, 1898, in a house across the street from the location for the new Paul Robeson Center for the Arts, scheduled to open in 2007. His mother, Maria Bustill Robeson, died when he was six years old, and three years later his father, the Rev. William Drew Robeson, the son of a slave, moved the family to Westfield and then to Somerville. William and Maria Bustill Robeson are buried in the Princeton Cemetery across the street from the Paul Robeson Building. Paul Robeson excelled in sports, drama, singing, academics, debating, and languages and was a Phi Beta Kappa scholar, as well as a twelve-letter athlete, and valedictorian of his graduating class at Rutgers in 1919. He received his law degree from Columbia University in 1923 but left the field because of the discrimination that kept him in a back-office role.

The law's loss was the world's gain as he became a classical singer and actor. His concert career took him across the globe, and his talents were hailed everywhere. His belief in the universality of music led him to become "a citizen of the world," singing on behalf of peace and equality in 25 languages.

His political views and his stance against oppression and inequality led to political unpopularity, and his career was cut short when the U.S. State Department denied him a passport to prevent his traveling abroad. He died on January 23, 1976, in Philadelphia.

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Sketches by Local Artist At Erdman Gallery

Sergio Bonotto will display a collection of his sketches at Princeton Theological Seminary's Erdman Art Gallery from April 10 to June 2. A reception for the artist will be held on Monday, April 10, from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m. in the Erdman Art Gallery.

A World War II veteran, Mr. Bonotto began sketching as an infantry rifleman. His war sketches won an award from General George C. Marshal in 1950, and were exhibited in the United States and in Turin, Italy, the artist's hometown. He studied drawing at Princeton University and received an M.A. in engineering from Columbia University in New York, spending his working life as a chemist with Union Carbide. After retiring, he returned to drawing and watercolors. After learning to operate an offset press, he began a business selling note cards, which are available locally at college bookshops, Jordan's Cards and Gifts in the Princeton Shopping Center, and The Papery of Princeton.

The Erdman Art Gallery is located in Erdman Hall, 20 Library Place, at the Center of Continuing Education at Princeton Theological Seminary. Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Sunday, 2:30 to 9 p.m. For more information please contact the Center of Continuing Education at 609.497.7990.

SKETCHED ON THE BATTLEFIELD: This sketch is among those by Sergio Bonotto in "World War II Sketches and Other Work" at the Princeton Theological Seminary's Erdman Art Gallery. The exhibit will run from April 10 to June 2. A reception for the artist will be held on Monday, April 10, from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m. in the Erdman Art Gallery.

Grounds for Sculpture Hosts Katrina Artists

Grounds For Sculpture will host a panel discussion on Sunday, April 9, presented by the Johnson Atelier in collaboration with the Lower Manhattan Cultural Council (LMCC). Through a temporary residency program in Lower Manhattan for artists displaced by Hurricane Katrina (Gulf Coast Artist Residency program) offered by the Lower Manhattan Cultural Council, artists Beth Dary, Chris Saucedo, and Dan Tague are working with the Johnson Atelier instructors to restore their damaged works of art as well as to create new works.

A reception and a panel discussion will be moderated by Erin Donnelly, LMCC Residency Director and Curator, with artists Beth Dary, Chris Saucedo, and Dan Tague who will discuss what they are working on at the Johnson Atelier and the artworks that were lost or damaged in Hurricane Katrina. They will also be discussing their involvement with the LMCC and the Johnson Atelier and how Hurricane Katrina affected them personally and artistically.

The Meet the Artist reception will be held before the lecture in the Seward Johnson Center for the Arts at 4 p.m. The lecture will begin at 4:30 p.m. Please RSVP as soon as possible (preferably by Wednesday, April 5) for the panel discussion by calling (609)S86-0616, ext 20. This is a free educational program. Seating is based on a first come, first served basis.

For more information about these organizations visit the Johnson Atelier at www.atelier.org; the Lower Manhattan Cultural Council at www.lmcc.net; and Grounds For Sculpture at www.groundsforsculpture.org.

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The Arts Council of Princeton's conTEMPORARY Arts Center, located in the Princeton Shopping Center, is presenting two new exhibits, "Small Works for a Small Space" and the Kids Earth Fund's "Kids Helping Kids." Both shows feature works of art by a multitude of artists and will run through April 15.

A.R.T.space Gallery, 53 Hulfish Street in Princeton, will be presenting "The Passion of the Underdogs," which will feature painting and sculpture by contemporary artists working with A.R.T. at Woodbridge Developmental Center in Woodbridge. The exhibit will be on view through May 5.

Erdman Art Gallery at the Center of Continuing Education on the Princeton Seminary Campus is presenting a one-day-only art reception and presentation,"Look Toward the Heavens: The Art World of He Qi," on Wednesday, April 5. The informal artist's reception at 5:30 p.m. will be followed by a presentation with questions and answers at 6:15.

The Gallery at Mercer County Community College will be showing the prize-winning artwork of "Mercer County Artists 2006" through April 14.

Gallery 14, 14 Mercer Street in Hopewell, will be featuring the work of photographer Frank Magalhães and guest photographer, David Wurtzel, through April 16.

Grounds for Sculpture is currently displaying three exhibits: "Menhirs, Dreams, Myths, and Deities," "Balanced Dialogue: 10th Anniversary of the Hungarian Sculptors Society," and the International Sculpture Center's 2005 Outstanding Student Achievement in Contemporary Sculpture Awards. The exhibits will be on view through April 30, 2006. Grounds for Sculpture is located at 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. Hours are Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call (609) 586-0616, or visit www.groundsforsculpture.org.

The Historical Society of Princeton is currently exhibiting, "U.S. Presidents: Famous Faces in Princeton Places," and "The Windmill Turns Slowly: Photographs of the Updike Farm," on view through summer 2006. Museum hours are Tuesday through Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. For more information, call (609) 921-6748.

The Hopewell Frame Shop Gallery at 24 Broad Street in Hopewell will be hosting an exhibition of watercolors by Lawrenceville resident Alice Warshaw through April 29.

The Hunterdon Museum of Art is presenting an exhibit featuring Ilene Sunshine and Bennett Bean. The exhibit will run through June 4. For more information, call (908) 735-8415.

The James A. Michener Art Museum in Doylestown is presenting a major exhibition of works by photographer Ansel Adams through May 14."Radical Vision: The Revolution in American Photography," which will be on view through May 28. Two new exhibits: "The Heart of Haiti," which features 20 portraits by Philadelphia-area photographer Andrea Baldeck, will run through July 9. "An Enduring Gift:The Marguerite and Gerry Lenfest Collection," will be on view through July 2. The museum is located at 138 South Pine Street in Doylestown. For more information, call (215) 340-9800.

An exhibition featuring 160 of Judith Leiber's award-winning handbags will be open through April 30 in the Della Penna Gallery of the **James A. Michener Art Museum in New Hope**. For more information, call 215-862-7633, or, for both museums, visit www.michenerartmuseum.org.

The Jane Vorhees Zimmerli Art Museum's is presenting "Piranesi: Architecture of the Eye and Mind" through July 27; "Dialogues: Mexican Modernity," through June 25; "Strange Mr. Satie Comes to the Zimmerli: Children's Book Illustrations by Petra Mathers," through July 16; Soviet Propaganda Posters, Part III, through October 1; "Seriallties, Part 2: Repetition and Narrative in Soviet Nonconformist Art," through September 17. "In and Around Dvizhenie (The Movement Group)" will be on view in the Dubrow Galleries through October 8. The Zimmerli is located at 71 Hamilton Street on the College Avenue campus of Rutgers University in New Brunswick. For more information, call (732) 932-7237, ext. 610, or visit www.zimmerlimuseum.rutgers.edu.

The Montgomery Center for the Arts is presenting an exhibition entitled "In Diaspora: NJ Artists of Indo-Pakistani Heritage," set to run through April 30.

Morven Museum is presenting "Capturing the Spirit: Virginia Snedeker and the American Scene," its first exhibit of fine art, which will open April 5 and run through November 26. An opening reception and curator's tour will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday, April 7.

The New Jersey State Museum in Trenton is currently hosting the exhibition, "Photographs by African-Americans: Works in the Collection of the New Jersey State Museum," in the Alcove Gallery in the Museum's Auditorium through April 30. The museum is located at 225 West State Street.

The Numina Gallery at Princeton High School will be showing a selection of works by Raphael Montanez Ortiz and Monique Ortiz-Arndt through April 28.

The Present Day Club at 72 Stockton Street in Princeton is presenting an exhibit of the work of illustrator Gennady Spirin through April 30. The public is invited to visit the exhibit between the hours of 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.

The Princeton Day School is featuring works by sculptors Dana Stewart, Harry Gordon, and Elizabeth McCue in a recently installed sculpture park on the grounds of the main campus. The display will be on view until June 15, 2006. The school is at 650 the Great Road, Princeton.

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The Rider University Art Gallery will be presenting "New Work - Drawings & Pastels" by Thomas George through April 6. Gallery hours are Tuesday to Thursday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sunday from noon to 4 p.m.

Riverrun Gallery in Lambertville will be hosting "Solebury Land Preservation Photography Project," an exhibition of photographs by Mark Ludak that will run through April 15.

The Trenton City Museum at Ellarslie Mansion in Cadwalader Park and the Trenton Museum Society are presenting "Drawn Together," an invitational exhibit featuring the work of John Ennis, Simon Mauer, Robert Miele, Steve Smith, and George Thompson.The show will run through April 16.

The University Medical Center at Princeton will be showcasing the work of close to 100 artists in ArtFirst!, an international juried exhibition and sale featuring art and fine crafts by professional artists with physical and mental disabilities. The show will run through Friday, May 5. Hours are 11a.m. to 8 p.m daily.

THEATER REVIEW

The Goat or Who Is Sylvia?

Edward Albee's "The Goat" Explores Deepest Societal Taboos; Intense Domestic Drama Delivers Plentiful Humor and Horror

Martin, about to be interviewed for a TV show called *People Who Matter*, is, at fifty years old, at the top of his game. He has just won the Pritzker Prize, architecture's highest award, and has been chosen to design a two hundred billion dollar World City of the future.

Martin, his vibrant, adoring wife Stevie, and their gay son Billy live a life that exudes urbanity, sophistication, and success.

The TV interviewer Ross is an old friend and former schoolmate of Martin. These are well educated, refined human beings. Their dialogue is witty and sophisticated, as they play games with language and make jokes out of pointing out mixed metaphors and correcting each other's grammar.

But, as always in Edward Albee's world, the harmonious surfaces are brittle and deceptive, and it is not far into the first of three uninterrupted scenes of *The Goat or Who Is Sylvia?* (2002), currently playing at Theatre Intime, that Martin—distracted, forgetful, troubled—is sharing with Ross the secret of an extra-marital relationship he has been carrying on for six months.

At this point, the play and the dynamics in the theater become very strange indeed. Love triangles and marital infidelity are hardly new subjects for theater, but here the object of Martin's affections happens to be a goat—yes, an actual barnyard goat, and neither the audience nor the other characters in the play quite know how to respond.

On one level, it seems like a good joke, and those in the audience who know what's coming before Martin finally works up to the moment when he shows Ross a photo of the beloved Sylvia, are smiling knowingly, chuckling to themselves, in on the punch line that is soon to shock Ross and the unknowing members of the audience.

At the same time, however, there is something unsettling here. Martin is an intelligent, serious, sensitive, admirable character. In this scene, and in the second scene when Martin confronts his wife and their 17-year-old son, the laughter begins to catch in the throat. The nervous guffaws are more sporadic. Martin is truly in love with this goat—and also with his wife. The family crisis is—not quite believable, perhaps, but real. Mr. Albee does not hold back in exploiting the opportunity for humorous word play about sex with animals, but deeper purposes and a prevailing seriousness become more and more apparent as the play progresses.

Stevie is, understandably, outraged and angry. She alternates between quiet determination to come to terms with the baffling new realities of her life with Martin and loud fury. Billy, also torn between extremes of despair and anger, retreats to his room for much of scene two, emerging in the final scene, after his mother's exit, to attempt some sort of understanding and reconciliation with his father.

The language is raw. The subject matter is not for children, or for anyone who is prone to squeamishness in the face of the most basic taboos of our society. But besides amusing and shocking his audience, and forcing us to pay attention to subjects that are forbidden even in the most liberal spheres of our society, what is Mr. Albee up to here? What is this play really about?

FAMILY CRISIS: Stevie (Ashley Johnson, left) has just read a letter describing her husband's infidelity (with a goat!), as husband Martin (Joshua Williams, right) looks on in despair, and son Billy (Shawn Fennell) expresses his shock and anger in Theatre Intime's production of Edward Albee's 'The Goat or Who is Sylvia?'—playing at Theatre Intime through April 8.

The Goat or Who Is Sylvia? seems, most essentially, to be about tolerance for our fellow human beings in all their human, even aberrant behavior. As the four characters grapple with the fact of Martin's love of the goat, they respond in different ways. The liberal, hypocritical Ross, who is willing to condone all sorts of other sordid sexual activities and breaches of business ethics, is ruthless and judgmental towards his oldest friend. He is unable to show any understanding, sympathy, or even tolerance for Martin's predicament. Stevie is too hurt and angry to see beyond her need for revenge. "You have brought me down, and, Christ!, I'll bring you down with me!"

Billy, who has spent considerable emotional and psychological energy in reconciling his homosexuality with his father's deep-seated disapproval, overcomes his initial repulsion in learning of his father's secret to allow his love for his father to bring acceptance and forgiveness.

It is in the character of Billy, apparently so named to suggest some correspondence with the goat, that Albee's play most directly leads the audience to consider the taboo of homosexuality in comparison to *The Goat's* more immediate issue of bestiality. In observing the shocked reactions to the revelation of Martin's "problem" (which he and the playwright refuse to characterize as inherently a problem), the audience recognizes many reactions—of spouse, family, and friends—that are similar to typical homophobic responses to the coming out of a gay man.

Ultimately this play registers an appeal for tolerance, love, and human understanding, even in the face of society's strictest attitudes and taboos, even when, as Stevie says, the behavior in question is outside "the rules of the game."

Under the able direction of Princeton University sophomore Whitney Mosery, the undergraduate Intime cast takes on this demanding material with maturity, energy and focus. Twenty-year-olds, no matter how talented, are not always able to make the stretch to portray convincing adults of their parents' generation in serious situations, but this company of four is consistently on target and credible.

Ashley Johnson as Stevie and Joshua Williams as Martin are especially strong and effective in working through the wide range of emotions that this wife and husband experience during the course of the play. Martin in his bewilderment and isolation and Stevie in her pain and anguish are powerfully affecting and memorable.

Shawn Fennell's Billy, awkward, angry, struggling with his own identity and with his father's shocking news, portrays forcefully this highly vulnerable and sympathetic teenager, though the clarity of his diction suffered a couple of lapses on the evening I attended. Max Staller as Ross, somewhat less intense and somewhat less believable in his age stretch, is nonetheless an effective foil to Martin and a strong supporting figure.

Mr. Williams has also designed the well-appointed, detailed living room set, which fittingly manifests the affluence of Martin and Stevie. Decorations include an array of art work with a suggestive flower motif and an assortment of glass bowls and ceramic jars for Stevie to shatter as the conflict heats up.

Ms. Mosery keeps the pace moving briskly, finds the humor and the poignancy in this play, and succeeds in keeping the tension taut. Mr. Albee's dialogue at times moves slowly or repetitively, particularly as characters struggle to express the inexpressible, and his extreme plot at times strains credulity. Amidst the humor, however, Ms. Mosery and company never fail to take this play and its important issues seriously.

Not just poor Sylvia, but Billy, and Martin too, are apparently scapegoats for the sins of an intolerant, convention-bound society. Edward Albee, winner of three Pulitzer Prizes and an additional Tony Award for this one, here again—in the tradition of *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* (1963), *Tiny Alice* (1964) and other great plays before and since—dares to ask the important, difficult questions and probe the dark sides of our lives and our world. Bravo to Ms. Mosery and Theatre Intime for confronting, so bravely and successfully, this important, difficult work.

—Donald Gilpin

'The Goat or Who Is Sylvia?' plays April 6 through April 8, with performances at 8 p.m. and an additional 2 p.m. matinee on April 8. For tickets, call (609) 258-1742 or visit www.Princeton.edu/utickets or www.theatreintime.org.

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"Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" At State Theatre Tonight

New Brunswick's State Theatre will present an original version of the Jekyll and Hyde story this evening when it presents the Aquila Theatre Company's production of *The Stronge Case of Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde* at 7:30 p.m.

Originally a novella by Robert Louis Stevenson, *Dr. Jekyll ond Mr. Hyde* tells the suspenseful tale of a man who uses a potion to switch between two very different personalities. When first performed on stage, Victorian women were rumored to faint at the sight of the evil Mr. Hyde.

The Stronge Case of Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde, directed by Brian Parsons, is presented as a play-within-a-play. Aquila Theatre Company's production tells both the story of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, as written in 1886 by Stevenson, and the story of Richard Mansfield, the egotistical actor who played the two characters on the Victorian stage. Set against a background of scientific research, the play offers a bold depiction of transformation, greed, addiction, and intrigue that makes for a suspenseful play. Leading the cast of the thriller is Richard Sheridan Willis, portraying the roles of Mr. Hyde, Dr. Jekyll, and Richard Mansfield.

The Aquila Theater Company is visiting the State Theatre as part of an annual multi-city tour. Founded in London in 1991 by artistic director Peter Meineck, the company is now a major theatrical player in New York City. This spring it will collaborate with Lincoln Center on a special educational production of Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night* for New York City area schools.

A behind-the-scenes look at the creative processes used to bring the story of Jekyll, Hyde, and Mansfield to the stage will be offered to all ticket holders in a complimentary pre-performance talk at 6:30 p.m. at the Rutgers Edward Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy, 33 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick. The speaker will be a member of the Aquila Theatre Company.

Tickets range from $15 to $20, with group, college student, and senior discounts available. To order, call the State Theatre box office at (732) 246-7469.

SPLIT PERSONALITIES: The versatility of the actor Richard Sheridan Willis, shown here as Mr. Hyde, will be on display when the State Theatre in New Brunswick presents "The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde" this evening at 7:30 p.m. The play-within-a-play tells the story of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, and that of the egotistical actor who portrayed the two characters on the Victorian stage. Mr. Willis plays all three roles.

Peddie Series to Close With Fred Astaire Salute

The 2005-06 Light Sundays Series at the Peddie School will come to a close on Sunday, April 23 with a Fred Astaire tribute starring the song and dance virtuoso Jim Caruso. The performance, a production of The Community Arts Partnership at the Peddie School (CAPPS) will be at 2 p.m. in Peddie's Mount-Burke Theatre. Tickets are $16.

Titled *Astoire!*, the program will include stories and classic songs by the American legend such as *They All Laughed, I Won't Donce, Doncing In The Dark*, and others arranged by Grammy Award winner Billy Stritch and Tony Award winner Jason Robert Brown.

Mr. Caruso was recently seen co-starring with Kathie Lee Gifford on Showtime Television in *Personol Assistont*. He also co-starred on the Nostalgia Network variety sit-com, *Cofé DuArt*, for two seasons. As a singer, he has won four MAC Awards and two Back-Stage Magazine Bistro Awards for his New York runs at Arci's Place, The Oak Room at the Algonquin Hotel, The Russian Tea Room, Carnegie Hall, Caroline's Comedy Club, and Birdland. He has also performed at the Cinegrill and Gardenia in Los Angeles, The Vic Theater and Davenport's in Chicago, Libby's in Atlanta, the Colony Palm Beach Hotel in Florida, and the Connaught Room in London.

Mr. Caruso has guest-hosted *Broodwoy* on *Broodwoy 2000* in Times Square for an audience of 100,000, hosted the 2000 MAC Awards at Town Hall in Manhattan, and co-hosted the 2003 and 2004 Drama Desk Award webcasts. His debut recording, *Coruso Live ond In Person*, became number one on both the album and singles charts at Outvoice.com. Most recently, he was featured in *A Tribute to Konder & Ebb*, backed by the New York Pops at Carnegie Hall. For the past two years, he has hosted a weekly Monday night showbiz bash called *Jim Caruso's Cast Porty*, which was honored with a New York Nightlife Award. *Cost Porty* is now a weekly web-radio show, heard Fridays and Tuesdays on BroadwayWorld.com.

For more information about CAPPS, contact the Swig Arts Center at (609) 490-7550 or visit www.peddie.org/capps.

POLITICALLY INCORRECT COMIC: The media, medical treatments, corporate crooks, Howard Stern, and Hillary will all be topics for Jackie Mason's unique mixture of chutzpah and macho when the durable comedian takes the stage at McCarter Theatre for one night only on Saturday, April 15 at 8 p.m. Called "flat-out funny" by The New York Times, the standup comic, political commentator, and topical humorist has had seven one-man shows on Broadway, a run that began in 1994 with the Tony Award-winning "The World According to Me." Tickets for his current show, "Freshly Squeezed," are $38 and $43, with student standing room $7. To order, call the McCarter box office at (609) 258-2787.

Berlind Theatre to Offer Comedy Hit "Thom Pain"

A surprise hit of the 2005 off-Broadway season, *Thom Poin (bosed on nothing)*, by playwright Will Eno, will be given two performances at McCarter Theater's Berlind Theatre on Monday and Tuesday, April 17 and 18 at 8 p.m. Mr. Eno is currently a Hodder Fellow at Princeton University.

Will Eno

The play will be directed by Hal Brooks and star Michael Milligan.

A discussion with the playwright and Mr. Milligan, moderated by Michael Cadden of Princeton's Program in Theater and Dance, will follow each performance.

A finalist for the Pulitzer Prize, Mr. Eno's wry, sardonic monologue reflects on the beauties and terrors of life as an ordinary man muses on childhood, yearning, disappointment, and loss.

Thom Poin (based on nothing) premiered in 2004 at the Pleasance Theatre in Edinburgh, Scotland, then transferred to the Soho Theatre in London later that year. In Edinburgh, the play won the Fringe First Award and the Herald Angel Award, and was cited by The Guardian as the best play at the Fringe. Reviewing the New York production, The New York Times described the play as "one of those treasured nights in the theater that can leave you both breathless with exhilaration and, depending on your sensitivity to meditations on the bleak and beautiful mysteries of human experience, in a puddle of tears. Also in stitches."

Mr. Eno received the Oppenheimer Award for his play *The Flu Seoson*. He is a Helen Merrill Playwrighting Fellow, a Guggenheim Fellow, and an Edward F. Albee Foundation Fellow, and was awarded the first Marian Seldes/Garson Kanin Fellowship by the Theatre Hall of Fame.

Tickets are $30, with students $10. To order, call the McCarter Theatre box office at (609) 258-2787 or visit www.mccarter.org.

Dance and Theater Studio Offering Sample Classes

Princeton Dance and Theater Studio has announced that it will hold a "Sample Sale" week from April 17 to April 22, during which dance students will be invited to try any class for free and register for a 2006-07 course at a discounted rate. The offer is open to students of all ages and dance levels.

Princeton Dance and Theater Studio, founded in 2003 by Susan Jaffe and Risa Kaplowitz, is located at Princeton's Forrestal Village on Route 1. Its mission is to give students an opportunity to receive the highest quality dance and theater training available.

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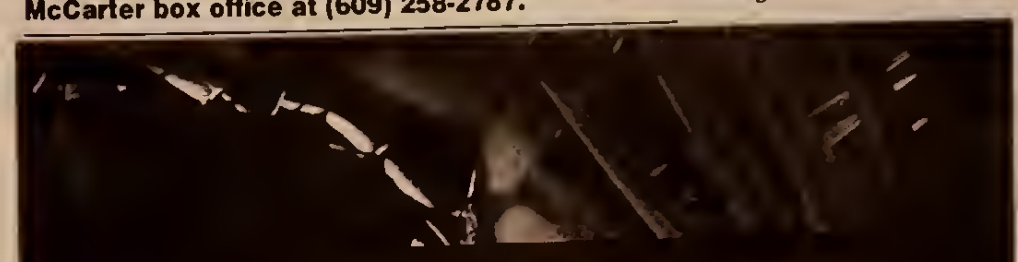

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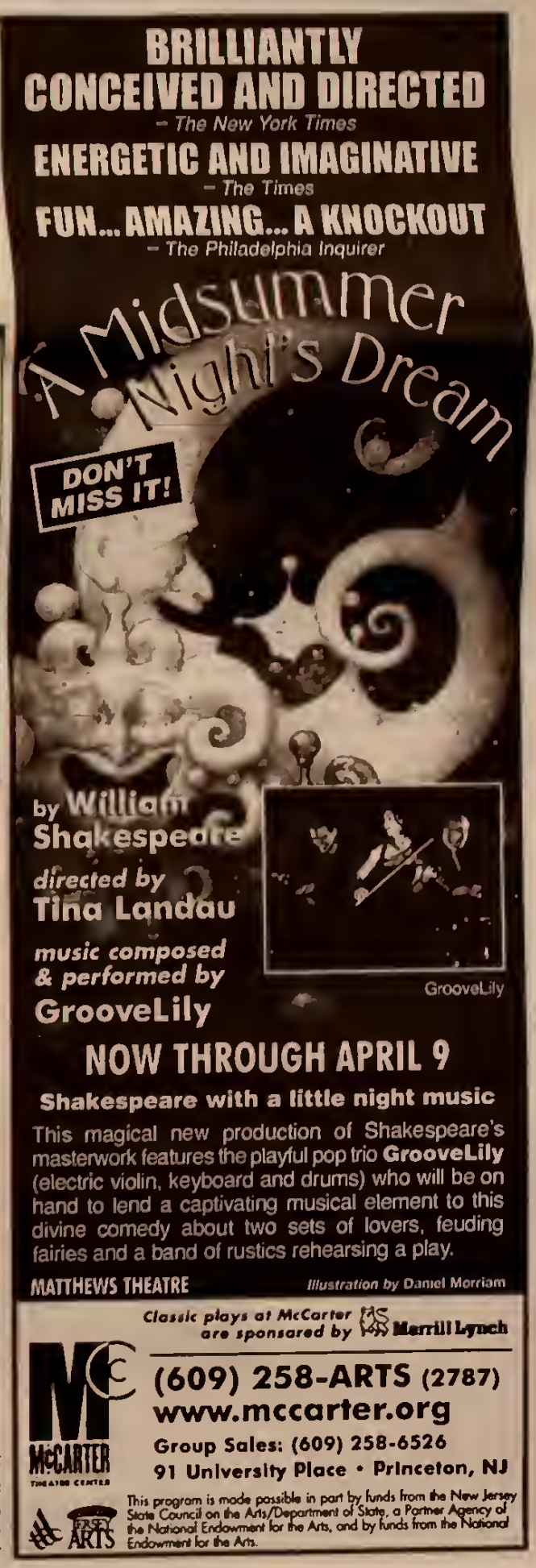

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"The Pirates of Penzance" Coming to State Theatre

The State Theatre in New Brunswick will present The New York Gilbert & Sullivan Players production of *The Pirates of Penzance* on Thursday, April 20 at 8 p.m. The popular Gilbert & Sullivan operetta, with its band of swashbuckling buccaneers, frolicsome Victorian maidens, and the "model of a modern Major General" will be performed by a troupe known for mastering the stylistic nuances of W.S. Gilbert and Arthur Sullivan.

Tickets are $25 to $45, with group, student, and senior discounts available.

The plot of *The Pirates of Penzance* centers on the dilemma of young Frederic who, as a child, was mistakenly apprenticed to the pirates until his 21st birthday. Because he was born in a leap year, he was honor bound to be a pirate until a distant date in 1940. Helping Frederic deal with his moral objection to piracy are the brash Pirate King, Ruth, the romantic Mabel, and the delightfully stuffy Major General Stanley.

The New York Gilbert & Sullivan Players was founded in 1974 by artistic director and general manager Albert Bergeret. *The Pirates of Penzance* will be directed and conducted by Mr. Bergeret, with choreography by Bill Fabris. It features a full orchestra, chorus, and vocal soloists.

The Pirates of Penzance (or *The Slave of Duty*) was first performed at the Fifth Avenue Theatre in New York City on December 31, 1879. It was the only Gilbert & Sullivan operetta to have its world premiere in the United States.

To order tickets, call (732) 246-7469, or visit www.StateTheatreNJ.org. The State Theatre is located at 15 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick.

French Suspense Film At Library Tomorrow

The Cineclub series of French language films at Princeton Public Library will continue tomorrow, April 6 at 7 p.m. with a screening of Claude Chabrol's suspense film *La Ceremonie* in the Library's first floor Community Room. The program is free and open to the public.

Based on Ruth Rendell's novel *A Judgment in Stone*, the film tells the story of Sophie, a quiet and shy maid who hides her illiteracy when hired by an upper-class French family. When she falls under the influence of the town's uncompromising postmistress, who hates the family, the stage is set for an escalating cycle of betrayal, violence, and murder.

Mr. Chabrol, known as the French Hitchcock, co-wrote the adapted screenplay for the film, which received numerous international honors. The 1995 release, which will be shown with English subtitles, stars Isabella Huppert, Sandra Bonnaire, Jean-Pierre Cassel, and Jacqueline Bisset.

Co-sponsored by the library and L'Association Francophone de Princeton, Cineclub presents films based on works of literature that demonstrate the diversity of experience in the French-speaking world. Previous screenings have included *Bolzac et la Petite Tailleuse Chinoise*, *Inch' Allah Dimanche*, and *L' Horloger de Saint-Poul*.

The series will conclude with a 7 p.m. screening of *Le Diner de Cons* on Wednesday, June 7.

HIGH FLYERS: The exciting and acrobatic Russian Cossack State Dance Company, considered Russia's premiere Cossack dance troupe, will present two shows at the State Theatre this month, on Friday, April 21 and Saturday, April 22, at 8 p.m. The company's New Brunswick appearances will mark its debut on a U.S. stage. For tickets, call (732) 246-7469.

The Cossacks Are Coming, The Cossacks Are Coming

The dancers, musicians, and singers of the Russian Cossack State Dance Company, one of the most talked-about acts at last year's Edinburgh (Scotland) International Festival, will make their first performance on a U.S. stage at New Brunswick's State Theatre on Friday, April 21 and Saturday, April 22, at 8 p.m.

Widely acknowledged as Russia's premiere Cossack dance troupe, the 40-member company offers an acrobatic production featuring colorful costumes and feats of highly skilled Cossack dance. The two-hour program portrays the courage of the Cossacks through more than 20 military, patriotic, and humorous songs and dances including those of the Khoper, Ukrainian, Volga, and Nekrasov Cossacks, set to traditional Ukrainian and Russian folk melodies.

Program highlights include *Yoke The Horse, Dod!*, a dance song of the Ukrainian Cossacks symbolizing the courtship of a young Cossack man; *Where Have You Been?*, a humorous and lyrical Ukrainian folk song; *Black Browed, Black Eyed*, a dance of the Volga Cossacks; and *Smolenskiy Gusachek*, a humorous instrumental miniature using folk "instruments" such as mallets and wooden spoons.

The Cossacks were legendary horsemen and warriors who unleashed their energy and passion for life and freedom through music and dance. A vital part of Russia's cultural and military heritage, they are often thought to represent the Russian people as a whole, so much so that Leo Tolstoy was moved to write, "all Russian history was made by Cossacks; no wonder Europeans call us that."

Renowned for their strength and athleticism, the Russian Cossack Dance Company performs with vigor and spontaneity under the watchful eye of Artistic Director Leonid Milovanov.

Ticket prices range from $25 to $45, with group, student, and senior discounts available. To order, call the State Theatre box office at (732) 246-7469, or visit www.StateTheatreNJ.org.

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MODERN DANCE MASTERS: Lauren Grant, left, Marjorie Folkman (partially obscured), and Matthew Rose will be among the artists appearing with the Mark Morris Dance Group when it celebrates its 25th anniversary with a performance at McCarter Theatre on Tuesday, April 11 at 8 p.m. The only American modern dance company performing solely to live music, the troupe will include three Princeton premieres in its program, set to the music of Foster, Bartok, and Schubert. Time Magazine has called Mr. Morris "the most prodigiously gifted choreographer of the post-Balanchine era." Tickets are $41 and $44, with $7 student standing room. To order, call (609) 258-2787. *(Photo by Marc Royce)*

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Choir College Receives $5 Million, Largest Gift in School's History

Marion Buckelew Cullen, a former Westminster Choir College trustee, has made a leadership gift to support construction of a new academic complex at Westminster. The planned gift, valued at over $5 million, is the largest single gift in the Choir College's history.

Marion Cullen

"Westminster has greatly benefited from Marion Cullen's advice and counsel, as well as her advocacy in the community for the past 23 years," said Rider University President Mordechai Rozanski in announcing the gift. "We are profoundly grateful for her extraordinary generosity in supporting our Westminster program in this way."

Once constructed, the new academic complex will offer Westminster all the functional and technological advantages of a 21st century facility, Mr. Rozanski added. The complex, which is expected to cost $13 million, will contain large rehearsal and performance spaces, as well as classrooms and studios.

A recipient of an honorary Doctor of Humanities degree from Westminster in 2003, Mrs. Cullen served on Westminster's board of trustees from 1983 to 1989. She is a graduate of the New Jersey College for Women, now Douglass College of Rutgers University, where she majored in English, history, and dramatic arts.

"I've traveled extensively throughout my life," said Mrs. Cullen, "and no matter where I've been—whether at the Presbyterian Church in Egypt or the chapel at West Point—I've encountered a Westminster graduate. They are undoubtedly the best."

"At the core of Westminster's program is a commitment to service through music," said Robert L. Annis, Westminster's director and dean. "Marion Cullen, through this generous gift, has enabled us to continue to give the next generation of music leaders their voice, a voice that will serve and inspire the world."

Juilliard Jazz Orchestra In Big Band Concert Here

Jazz musicians from New York's Juilliard School and Princeton University will join forces for a rare big band double-header on Saturday, April, 22 at 8 p.m. at McCarter Theatre. The concert will feature the Juilliard Jazz Orchestra and the Princeton University Concert Jazz Ensemble performing *Far East Suite* by Duke Ellington and Billy Strayhorn.

The *For East Suite* is widely regarded as one of the many historically important collaborations between Ellington and Strayhorn. One of their final joint efforts, it was inspired by two international tours, a 1963 State Department tour that brought the Ellington Orchestra to Sri Lanka, Egypt, India, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Pakistan, Iran, and Turkey; and a 1964 tour of Japan. The extended work takes the listener on a cross-cultural journey through diverse sonic scenery and offers listeners an opportunity to hear from many soloists.

The Juilliard Jazz Orchestra, directed by Victor Goines, performs music from across the spectrum of jazz styles, a broad range that includes original compositions from band members.

Princeton's Concert Jazz Ensemble, directed by Anthony D. J. Branker, is dedicated to the performance of the significant works of Ellington and Strayhorn, and has been joined in its concerts by such renowned artists as Slide Hampton, Benny Carter, Phil Woods, Terence Blanchard, and Jimmy Heath.

Each group will play its own set before joining forces for the *Far East Suite*.

Tickets range from $10 to $25 and may be purchased at the McCarter Theatre box office or online at www.mccarter.org. To order by phone, call (609) 258-2787.

For more information on the two ensembles, visit www.princeton.edu/~puje and/or www.juilliard.edu.

ELLINGTON INTERPRETERS: The Juilliard Jazz Orchestra will join the Princeton University Concert Jazz Ensemble, directed by Anthony D. J. Branker, for a collaborative concert on Saturday, April, 22 at 8 p.m. at McCarter Theatre. The two orchestras will team up for the concert finale, the "Far East Suite" by Duke Ellington and Billy Strayhorn. Tickets, which range from $10 to $25, may be ordered by calling (609) 258-2787.

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The Delaware Valley Music Club will hold auditions on April 29 in Lambertville for the Bart Pitman Memorial Music Scholarship in piano or organ.

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Practitioners of Musick At Westminster Sunday

The Practitioners of Musick—Eugene Roan, John Burkhalter and friends—will return to Westminster Choir College this Sunday, April 9 at 3 p.m. with a new concert program titled "George III & Queen Charlotte—Mad About Musick." The concert is part of Westminster's 2005-06 Early Music Series.

A pre-concert talk will begin at 2:30 p.m.

Prof. Roan will perform on cabinet organ and harpsichord, Mr. Burkhalter on English flutes. They will be joined by David Black on violoncello, Gavin Black on harpsichord, and Jill Crawford on German flute. The concert will focus on the abiding interest in music of England's King George III and his consort, Queen Charlotte, and highlight their close association with the foremost composers of their day—George Frederick Handel, Charles Frederick Abel, and John Christian Bach.

Music for the concert will be drawn almost entirely from the extensive collection of rare 18th-century British music in the collection of The Practitioners of Musick, most of which is not available in any modern performing edition or facsimile.

Prof. Roan is professor emeritus and former chair of the piano, organ, and harpsichord department at Westminster, where he has taught since 1956. He has lectured and performed extensively in the United States and has taught at the Royal School of Church Music in England. A graduate of The Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia and Westminster Choir College, he has also studied at the School of Sacred Music of the Union Theological Seminary in New York City.

Mr. Burkhalter studied the performance of early music at The New England Conservatory of Music in Boston and was a participant in the Baroque Performance Seminar led by the noted Dutch conductor and scholar Frans Bruggen at Harvard University.

David Black studied with Joyce Lawrence in New Haven and with Jane Cowan at the International Cello Centre in the United Kingdom. A graduate of Yale University, he frequently performs with The Practitioners of Musick as a guest artist. His repertoire includes unaccompanied cello works spanning nearly 300 years, in addition to chamber music.

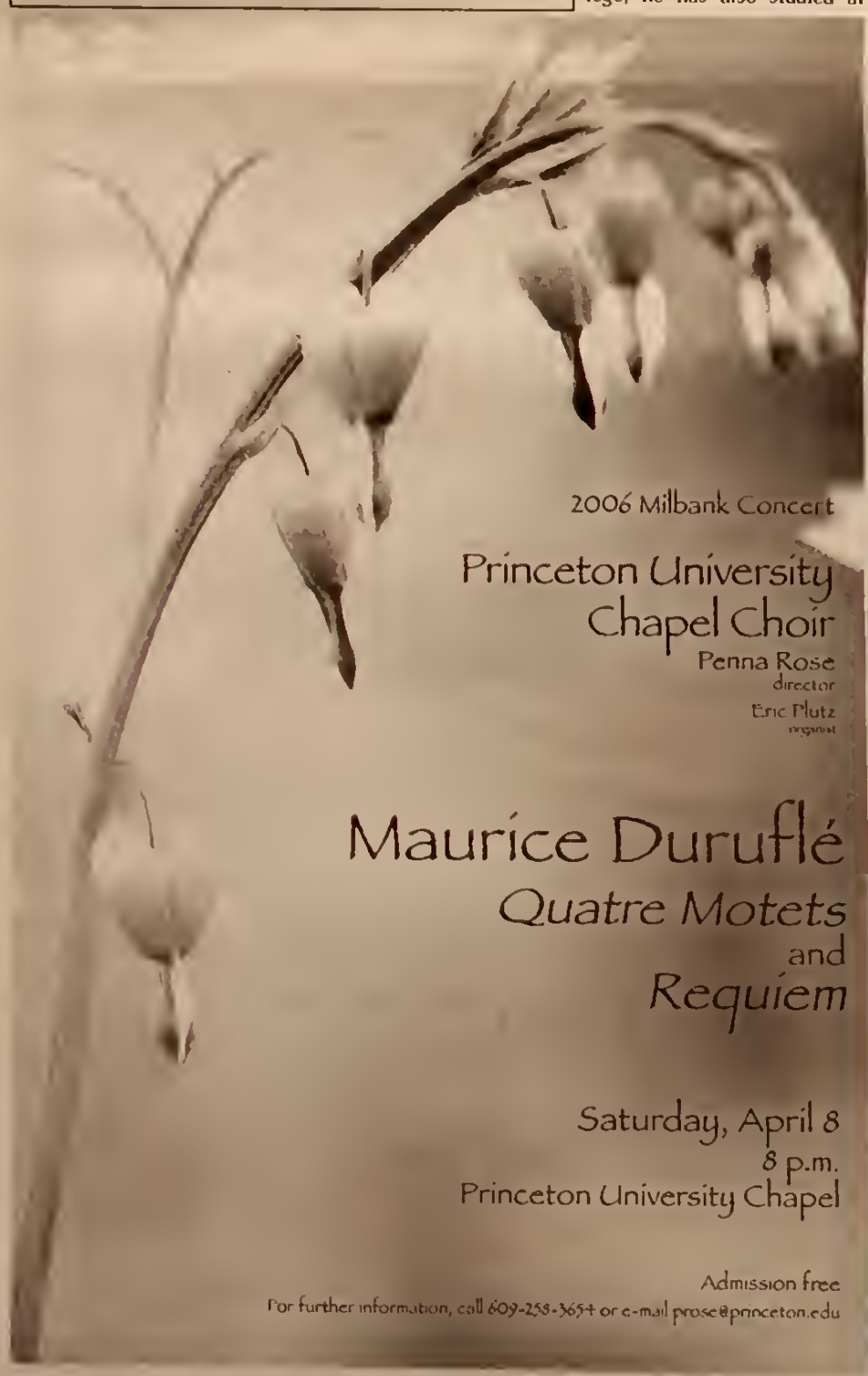
Gavin Black is director of the Princeton Early Keyboard Center in Princeton, where he teaches harpsichord, clavichord, and organ. He also teaches organ at the Westminster Conservatory. A graduate of Princeton University, he holds a graduate degree in organ from Westminster Choir College.

Ms. Crawford is active as a performer on both Baroque and modern flutes. She works with the chamber ensemble Trillium and has performed with such local orchestras as St. Peter by the Sea, Greater Trenton Symphony, New Brunswick Chamber Orchestra, and Concerts by the Bay. She is a graduate of The New England Conservatory of Music and holds a master's degree from The Mason Gross School of the Arts at Rutgers University.

David Black, Gavin Black, and Jill Crawford are all members of the Baroque ensemble Col Legno.

Tickets are $20 for adults and $15 for students and seniors, and may be ordered by calling the Westminster box office weekdays between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. at (609) 921-2663.

GUEST VIOLINIST: Hiroko Sunamura, 12, a Pennington resident and sixth grade student at Stuart Country Day School, made her orchestral debut when she performed Sunday, April 2 with the Parsippany-based New Jersey Philharmonic Orchestra in a concert in Paramus. Titled "Springtime with Mozart," the concert was the first in a state-wide series celebrating the 250th anniversary of Mozart's birthday. Ms. Sunamura is also a student at the Juilliard Pre-College Division in New York City.



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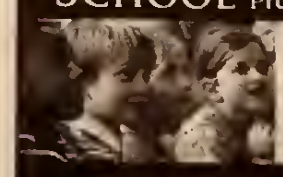
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Cowboy Junkies Schedule McCarter Concert April 14

The Cowboy Junkies, currently on a U.S. tour to promote their new release, *Early 21st Century Blues*, will pay Princeton a visit when they perform at McCarter Theatre on Friday, April 14 at 8 p.m. The concert will mark the band's first appearance in Princeton.

The concert will also feature the singer-songwriter Shawn Mullins.

For 20 years since the brothers Michael Timmins and Peter Timmins and their friend, bassist Alan Anton, first started jamming in a garage, the Cowboy Junkies have brought a distinctive brand of blues, pop, and country/rock to fans around the world, releasing ten CDs in the process. It all began in 1986 with *Whites Off Earth Now!*, which paid tribute to Robert Johnson, Lightnin' Hopkins and other blues artists, and continued through *Loy It Down* (1996), which featured their Top 20 modern rock hit *A Common Disoster*, earning them a gold record.

A real family affair, the band along the way has added a singer, Margo Timmins, and another brother, John on guitar.

The recording artists' latest CD, *Early 21st Century Blues*, was released last fall and features songs written by Bruce Springsteen, Bob Dylan, U2, John Lennon, and George Harrison, among others.

Singer/songwriter Shawn Mullins struck paydirt in 1998 with his Top Ten hit single *Lullaby*, from his platinum-selling CD *Soul's Core*, picking up a Grammy nomination in the process. His latest release, *9th Word Pickin' Parlor*, is named for the New Orleans home studio where most of the album's tracks were cut. It is dedicated to the people of New Orleans.

Tickets are $25, $28 and $30, with $7 student standing room. To order, call McCarter Theatre at (609) 258-2787.

Folk Music Society Plans Concert by British Duo

The British balladeers John Roberts and Tony Barrand will return to Princeton for an evening of folk music at 8:15 p.m. on Friday, April 21 at Christ Congregation Church. The concert is part of a series sponsored by the Princeton Folk Music Society.

Mr. Roberts and Mr. Barrand met at Cornell University in 1968 as fellow graduate students in psychology. Discovering their shared interest in folk music, they started performing together the following year.

Although unaccompanied two-part singing is a staple of the duo's repertoire, they also draw upon a variety of instrumentation. Mr. Roberts, a banjo and guitar player, is also a leading exponent of both Anglo and English concertina. Mr. Barrand, meanwhile, is a skilled percussionist on drums, bones, and spoons.

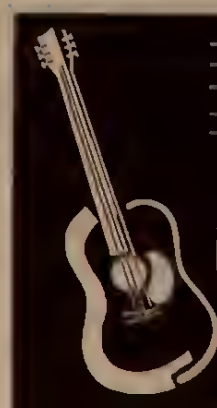
The duo has performed at such venues as the Philadelphia Folk Festival, Elstedfod, The Smithsonian, the Old Songs Folk Festival, and NPR's *A Prairie Home Companion*. They have issued, as a duo or with other performers, more than 20 albums. Their recordings include an album of authentic sea shanties, an album of drinking songs recorded live in a Chicago tavern, and five albums of songs from their celebrated Christmas pageant, *Nawell Sing We Clear*.

Mr. Barrand is also the author or editor of four books, including *Six Fools and a Doncer*, considered a definitive exposition of Morris dancing in the United States.

Admission will be $15 for the public, $10 for members of the Folk Music Society and affiliated organizations, and $3 for children 11 and under. There are no advance sales.

The final event in the Folk Music Society's concert season will be a performance on Friday, May 19 by singer-songwriters Steve Gillette and Cindy Mangsen. For information about these and other Folk Music Society events, call (609) 799-0944, or visit www.princetonfolk.org.

Christ Congregation Church is located at 50 Walnut Lane.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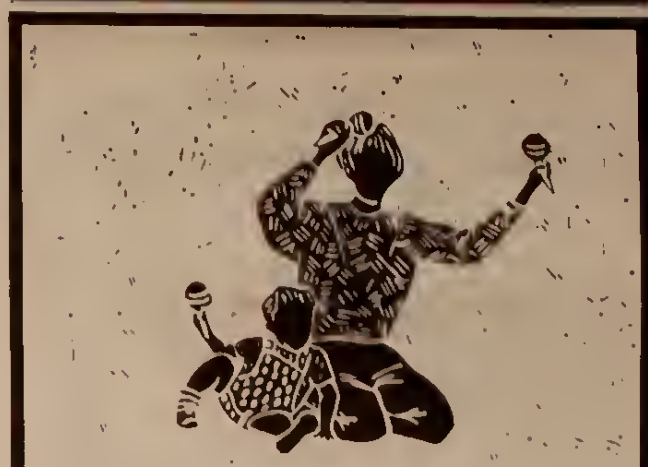
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CINEMA REVIEW — Take the Lead

Ballroom Dancing Helps Reduce Juvenile Delinquency

In 2005, *Mad Hot Ballroom* recounted the heartwarming story of an ethnically diverse set of New York public school students from humble backgrounds who learn some very valuable life lessons while being taught how to tango, waltz and rumba in preparation for an annual citywide competition. The documentary was inspired by the work of Pierre Dulaine, the instructor who came up with the novel idea of introducing the kids to ballroom dancing.

Emphasizing the development of confidence, self-esteem, manners and other critical survival skills which would serve them well in adulthood, Dulaine was so effective in bringing the studio sensibility to the classroom that his community outreach program currently serves over 7,500 students in 60 schools. *Take the Lead* revisits the themes addressed by *Mad Hot Ballroom*, but this movie shifts the focus away from the children to Pierre Dulaine, (played by Antonio Banderas).

DID HE SAY HOLD YOUR HAND VERTICALLY OR HORIZONTALLY? Lahrette (Yaya DaCosta, right) and her partner Rock (Rob Brown) sieze an opportunity in the school's corridor to practice some of the dance steps Pierre Dulain (Antonio Bandera, not shown) has taught them.

The cast features many talented unknowns plus Alfre Woodard, Ray Liotta, and Rob Brown. The movie marks the directing debut of Liz Friedlander, a veteran TV commercial and music video director who has worked with U2 and Blink 182.

Dianne Houston wrote the imaginative script, which earns high marks for interweaving the main story and a variety of vignettes into a collection of tales of personal triumph. In addition, the picture treats the audience to plenty of delectable dance sequences which frequently contrast classical styles with present-day hip-hop.

However, *Take the Lead* is slightly tarnished by its simplistic suggestion that the woes of the ghetto could be easily eliminated if everybody just took their cues from Pierre Dulaine. The film's only other flaw is an overabundance of tight shots which deliberately avoid the skyline in order to make Toronto pass for New York.

The movie starts the night Pierre is bicycling through the neighborhood in a tuxedo. He comes upon Rock (Rob Brown) who is trashing his high school principal's (Alfre Woodard) car with a golf club because she suspended him.

Pierre intervenes, but rather than report the incident to the cops, he instead decides to track down the owner. When he pays a visit to the school, we get a good idea of the effect he has on women, because females entering the office swoon just because he holds the door for them.

Pierre sizes up the situation and impulsively offers to teach ballroom dancing at the school for free. So he begins the compassionate process of whipping some of the school's worst behaved students into form for the big competition in the finale.

Excellent (★★★½). Rated PG-13 for profanity, violence, and mature themes. Running time: 108 minutes. Studio: New Line Cinema. **—Kam Williams**

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AT THE CINEMA

16 Blacks (PG-13 for profanity, violence, and intensc action). Bruce Willis and Mos Def play unlikely buddies in this crime thriller about a burnt out cop assigned to escort a convict from jail to the courthouse who discovers that the entire NYPD wants his prisoner dead since the man is about to testify as a witness in a case against crooked cops.

Ask the Dust (R for sex, expletives, and nudity). Adapted from the Depression Era novel of the same name, Cofin Farrell and Salma Hayek co-star in this Los Angeles fove story about an aspiring writer who finds it hard to resist the aggressive advances of a Mexican waltress.

ATL (PG-13 for sex, expfetives, violence, and drug use). Coming-of-age, ghetto-based melodrama examines the diverging prospects of four African-American teenagers (Tip Harris, Jackie Long, Lauren London and Evan Ross Naess) trying to survive on the streets of latter-day Atlanta. Cast includes Mykelti Williamson, Lonette McKee, Keith David, Jazze Pha, Big Boi and Bone Crusher.

Basic Instinct 2 (R for sex, expletives, nudity, violence, and drug use). Sharon Stone returns sans original co-star Michaef Douglas for steamy sequef set in London. This go-round, the novelist (Stone) lands on the wrong side of the law and sets about seducing the psychiatrist (David Morrissey) assigned to interrogate her by Scotland Yard. With Charlotte Rampling and David Thewfis.

The Benchwarmers (PG-13 for profanity and for crude and suggestive humor). Rob Schneider, David Spade, and John Heder star as buddies out to makeup for their un-athfetic backgrounds as children by forming a three-man baseball team and taking on the best Little Leaguers in the state.

Failure ta Launch (PG-13 for sex, expfetives, and partiaf nudity). Matthew McConaughey stars in this romantic comedy as a live-at-home bachelor who has no idea that his impatient parents (Kathy Bates and Terry Bradshaw) have hired the girl of his dreams (Sarah Jessica Parker) to coax him out of the nest.

The Hills Have Eyes (R for profanity, terror, and violence). Gory remake of the 1977 horror film about a road trip across the desert which turns into a nightmare when a family finds itself stranded in an abandoned atomic testing zone currently crawling with mutant creatures.

Ice Age: The Meltdawn (PG for coarse language and sexuaf Innuendo). Ray Romano, John Leguizamo, Denis Leary, and Denny Dilfon again lend their voices to a variety of prehistoric creatures in this family-oriented, animated sequel set just before the Earth starts to thaw. Replacing Kristen Johnson, Cedric the Entertainer, and Jack Black are Queen Latifah, Jay Leno, and Seann William Scott.

Inside Man (R for profanity and violence). Two-time Oscar-winners Denzel Washington and Jodie Foster co-star in this cat-and-mouse crime caper about a bungled bank robbery which turns into a hostage situation. Top flight cast includes Oscar-nominees Willem Dafoe and Clive Owen, plus Christopher Plummer and Chiwetel Ejiofor.

Jayeux Nael (Unrated). World War I drama, based on an actuaf incident, recounts a 1914 Christmas Eve ceasefire on a battlefield in no man's land which enabled Germans, French and British soldiers to play soccer and share a few drinks together for a few hours before resuming hostilities. In French, German, English, and Latin with subtitles.

Larry the Cable Guy: Health Inspectar (Unrated). A comedy about a rough-edged Board of Health inspector (Dan Whitney) who is teamed with a straitfaced, new partner (Iris Bahr) to find the source of a series of mysterious food poisonings at upscale restaurants around Orlando. Romantic subplot involves Larry's attempt to win the heart of a sweet waitress (Megyn Price) with a heart of gofd.

Lucky Number Slevin (R for sex, expletives and graphic violence). Josh Hartnett handfes the title role in this gritty, New York City crime thriller as an unlucky lad who lands in the middle of a mob war being waged between gangs being led by a ruthless rabbi (Ben Kingsley) and a brutal brother (Morgan Freeman). Cast incfudes Bruce Willis as a renegade assassin, Stanley Tucci as the detective keeping score and Lucy Liu as the girl next door.

Marilyn Hatchkiss' Ballraam Dancing and Charm Schaal (PG for profanity and mature themes). Sentimental romantic comedy about a widower (Robert Carlyle) who sets about finding the long-fost fove (Mary Steenburgen) of a dying car accident victim (John Goodman) in accordance with the stranger's last request.

Mrs. Hendersan Presents (R for nudity and brief profanity). Oscar-nominee Stephen Frears (*The Grifters*) directs this campy comedy, set in London during the Battle of Britain, about an eccentric widow (Dame Judi Dench) who purchases a run-down theater to put on all-nude burlesque shows. With Bob Hoskins as her exasperated business partner.

Phat Girlz (PG-13 for sex, expletives and crude references). Comedy featuring Mo'Nique as a sassy fashion designer frustrated in her efforts to find a man in a world filfed with thinner competition.

The Shaggy Dog (PG for crude humor). Remake of the Disney family classic from 1959 about a boy who is magically transformed into a sheepdog. This version features an adult (Tim Allen) who finds himself periodically in the same predicament. With Jane Curtin, Danny Glover, Robert Downey, Jr., Craig Kilborn and Philip Baker Half.

She's the Man (PG-13 for sexual material). Romantic comedy, based on Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*, stars Amanda Bynes as a teenager who assumes her missing twin brother's (James Kirk) identity at his prep school only to have unanticipated complications ensue on campus when she falls in love with his handsome roommate (Channing Tatum) while also having to fend off the advances of a coed (Laura Ramsey) who thinks she's a guy.

Slither (R for gore, graphic violence, and profanity). Horror comedy about an ancient, alien pfague which invades a sleepy, rural town, slowly turning its residents into a race of mutant zombies. With Nathan Fillion, Elizabeth Banks, and Michael Rooker.

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Take the Lead (PG-13 for profanity, viofence, and mature themes). Antonio Banderas stars in this uplifting drama based on the real-life story of a former, professlonaf dancer who volunteered his time to teach ballroom steps to students more interested in hip-hop.

Thank Yau far Smoking (R for sex and expfetives). Satirical comedy chronicles the efforts of a tobacco lobbyist (Aaron Eckhart) who tries to remain a role model to his 12 year-old son (Cameron Bright) knowing full well that the cigarettes he's promoting are lethal.

The Three Burials af Melquiades Estrada (R for sex, expletives, and violence). Tommy Lee Jones stars in this road drama as a grizzled, Texas ranch hand who goes to extraordinary lengths to give his murdered best friend a proper funeral back in Mexico.

Transamerica (R for sexuality, nudity, profanity and drug use). Unlikely-buddy road film reunites a pre-op transsexual (Felicity Huffman) with the long-lost, 17 year-old son (Kevin Zegers) she/he's never known for a cross-caantry, get-acquainted sojourn from New York to Los Angefes where the juvenile delinquent hopes to make a fresh start in gay porn.

Tsatsi (R for profanity and gruesome violence). Adapted from the Athof Fugard novel of the same name, this tale of redemption focuses on the spiritual transformation of a young gang feader (Presley Chweneyagae) during the half-dozen days he cares for an infant he accidentally kidnapped during a carjacking.

V far Vendetta (R for profanity and graphic violence). Futuristic thriller adapted by the Wachowski Brothers (*The Matrix Trilogy*) from the DC Comics illustrated novel of the same name. Set in a Great Britain defeated in World War III, this sci-fi adventure revolves around the efforts of a masked vigilante (Hugo Weaving) to fight a new form of Fascism via guerilla warfare by teaming up with a young woman (Natalie Portman) whom he rescues from the clutches of the totalitarian government.

—Kam Williams

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With Freshman Star McGarvie Catching Fire, Tiger Women's Lax Leading Ivy League Race

It was early in the game and it was just the second Ivy League contest of the season but Holly McGarvie and her teammates on the Princeton University women's lacrosse team knew they had reached a turning point.

Hosting 12th-ranked Cornell last Saturday, the No. 8 Tigers found themselves trailing 4-1 and in danger of seeing the sizzling Big Red take control of the league race.

Cornell entered the day with a 6-1 overall record and a 2-0 Ivy mark and a determination to snap an 18-game losing streak to Princeton.

The Tigers, though, woke up in the nick of time, ending the half with three straight goals including one by freshman star McGarvie with just 1:21 left in the period.

An intense cloudburst accompanied by wind gusts in the opening minutes of the second half didn't dampen the Tigers as Princeton outscored Cornell 6-1 on the way to a critical 10-6 win.

McGarvie, who added a second goal during the Tigers' second half onslaught, acknowledged that things almost got out of hand in the first half.

"We got in a group together and said this is it," recalled McGarvie, reflecting on a day that saw Princeton improve to 4-4 overall and 2-0 in Ivy play.

"Everybody pulled together. I think it started with defense; we tightened up. We pushed them out and then we were able to do our thing on attack."

The downpour that hit the players in the second half seemed to keep the Tigers rolling. "We had a tie but we knew we had to come in the second half and play hard," said McGarvie, a native of Medford, N.J. who starred this past fall at midfield for the Princeton field hockey team.

"When it started raining at the beginning of the half, I think it made us play harder. Who knew when it was going to start thundering; we had to take the game into our hands."

SLICK MOVE: Princeton University sophomore star Katie Lewis-Lamonica, right, fights through a downpour and the Cornell defense on her way to a two-goal performance in Princeton's 10-6 win over the visiting Big Red last Saturday. The win lifted Princeton to 4-4 on the season and 2-0 in Ivy League play. (Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

SEVEN UP: Princeton University freshman standout Holly McGarvie, left, races up the field last Saturday in Princeton's 10-6 victory over Cornell. McGarvie scored two goals in the win, capping a big week which saw her score four goals and add an assist in the Tigers' 16-7 win at Columbia last Wednesday. McGarvie was named the Ivy League Offensive Player of the Week for her heroics. The Medford, N.J. native will look to keep rolling when the Tigers host Yale on April 8. (Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

In McGarvie's view, Princeton's discouraging 16-3 loss to Virginia on March 25 served as a wake-up call for the club.

"We've gotten a fresh start in our league with a new set of games," said McGarvie. "We're 2-0 right now in the new season; that's how we're looking at it. We're learning from that game but we're going to move on."

McGarvie has been a major factor in the Ivy game scoring six goals in those two games after three goals in Princeton's first six contests.

"I feel like it's coming; the coaches and the other players have helped me feel more confident," asserted McGarvie, who now has 11 points this season on nine goals and two assists. "I was a little nervous early on; the upperclassmen really helped by directing me and telling me what to do."

Princeton head coach Chris Sailer has been impressed by McGarvie's recent play. "Holly has just been incredible," asserted Sailer, who got three goals from junior star Kathleen Miller and two from sophomore Katie Lewis-Lamonica in the win over Cornell.

"She's a fighter; she's a hustler; she plays with so much heart and fire. If that could spread to the rest of the team, we'd be a pretty good team."

In Sailer's view, McGarvie has taken her game to a new level in the wake of the season-ending knee injury to Kristin Schwab in the loss to Virginia.

"We knew when Schwab went down that we were going to need some other people to step up," said Sailer. "I think Holly has taken that upon herself and has elevated her game to become an offensive threat as well."

The Tigers showed some character as well as skill in fighting back from the early deficit. "We just tried to fire them up about being competitive," said Sailer, who earned the 250th win of her Princeton tenure with the Tigers' 16-7 win at Columbia last Wednesday.

"We wanted them to be more aggressive on the double teams on defense. It was ugly in there for a while but we pulled it out against a team that was dominating us at the start; that shows a lot."

Sailer is hoping that the victory can help Princeton develop the self-confidence to be a consistent force. "It's a huge win," said Sailer, whose club was slated to play at Temple on April 4 before hosting Yale on April 8.

"With this team, it's a game-by-game thing. I know we have it in us; we just have to believe it ourselves. This was a big, big win for us."

McGarvie, for her part, credited her experience last fall on the Princeton's Ivy champion field hockey team with helping her to develop the mentality needed to succeed in critical situations.

"I learned from playing the big games and dealing with the pressure and intensity," added McGarvie, who was named the Ivy League women's lacrosse Offensive Player of the Week for her heroics. "In a stressful situation, you need to take a deep breath and say OK and get back into your zone."

If McGarvie can keep in the zone offensively, Princeton could cause its foes a lot of stress this spring.

—Bill Alden

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Trombino Keeps the Points Coming in Big Way As Princeton Men's Lax Tops Yale in Ivy Opener

Coming into last Saturday's clash with Yale, Peter Trombino had scored at least one point in all 33 games of his career with the Princeton University men's lacrosse team.

Looking to get the Tigers off to a hot start in Ivy League play, Trombino outdid himself as he scored six points on three goals and three assists, matching his single-game career high for points.

Propelled by Trombino's productive day, Princeton earned a 12-8 win over the Bulldogs before a crowd of 2,176 at Class of 1952 Stadium.

In reflecting on the win which improved Princeton to 5-2 overall and 1-0 in Ivy play, Trombino said the Tigers were primed to take it to Yale, which had stunned Princeton 9-8 in last year's league opener.

"We were up for this game; we were well prepared," said Trombino, a 5'11, 175-pound attackman who now has a team-high 20 points on 10 goals and 10 assists. "We put in a lot of hard work this week and we had a good game plan. It was a great way to start the Ivy League."

With Princeton struggling to get into double figures in the early stages of the season, Trombino acknowledged that the offense has been a work in progress.

"We're playing well now," asserted Trombino, the 2004 Ivy League Rookie of the Year in men's lacrosse. "We were switching guys up and it took a little time getting used to it. I'm playing my game now and it seems to be going better."

The native of Huntington Station, N.Y. knows that the Tigers are depending on him for both point and leadership. "I've been here for three years and I have started for three years," said Trombino, a second-team All-Ivy selection last season. "I want to us to win; I want us to do well this year. I feel like the junior and senior leadership couldn't be better."

Princeton head coach Bill Tierney liked the way Trombino took care of business in the win over the Bulldogs.

"That's what Peter Trombino is supposed to do," said Tierney. "He's supposed to get his points; he's supposed to lead the team. He's supposed to do the things he did today."

In Tierney's view, the fifth-ranked Tigers, who have now won three straight, are starting to develop some confidence.

"We could see signs of that this week in practice," asserted Tierney. "We had a good week; it was very low key, there wasn't a lot of emotion. The guys were very much on their game. We finally got patient on offense."

Still, with upsets such as Penn's shocker over second-ranked Cornell last week dotting the landscape of men's lacrosse this spring, Tierney knows his team can't get satisfied with its recent good form.

"It's just a crazy year and it's getting crazier by the day," said Tierney, whose club plays at Syracuse on April 8 before hosting Penn on April 11 in a critical Ivy clash. "It's commonplace right now to have surprises; it puts everybody on edge. This isn't a team good enough to win a game by just walking on the field. We don't have that savvy yet."

Trombino, for his part, believes that Princeton is developing that kind of on-field intelligence.

"I think everyone played smart today," said Trombino. "I think that the biggest thing is that we were patient. If we would run our offense and it wasn't there, we would run it again until we got something. We really took good shots."

With Trombino on target, Princeton has a good shot at doing some big things this season.

—Bill Alden

POINT TAKEN: Princeton University junior star Peter Trombino fires a shot in action earlier this spring. Last Saturday, Trombino matched his single-game career high as he scored six points to help lead Princeton to a 12-8 win over Yale. Trombino has now scored in all 34 games of his Tiger career. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

BIG BAD BOB: Princeton University sophomore attackman Bob Schneider, left, rumbles up the field last Saturday in Princeton's 12-8 victory over Yale. Schneider contributed a goal and an assist as the Tigers improved to 5-2 overall and 1-0 in Ivy League play. The fifth-ranked Tigers play at Syracuse on April 8 before hosting Penn on April 11 in a critical Ivy clash. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

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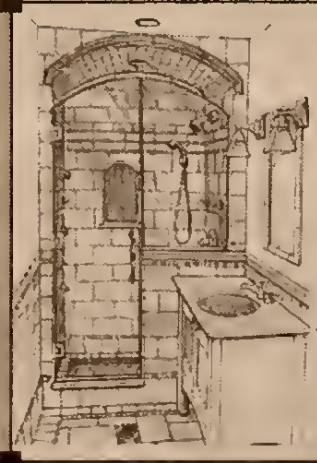

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Princeton Softball Displays Balance; Opens Ivy Play with Sweep of Penn

For the Princeton University softball team, its annual early-season swing out to California is a vital building block of the season.

"Our goal in going out there is to play as many games as possible and come up against just about every situation we will face," said Princeton head coach Maureen Barron, whose club went 8-5 as it competed in both the Capital Classic Tournament in Sacramento and the Stanford Invitational in Palo Alto. "The girls get a lot of at-bats and our pitchers get a lot of innings."

The Tigers' work in the Golden State paid dividends last weekend in Philadelphia as Princeton opened its Ivy league campaign by sweeping a doubleheader from Penn.

In the opener, senior pitcher Erin Snyder was dominant for Princeton, going the distance and striking out 14 to lead Princeton to a 4-0 win. In the nightcap, Snyder starred again, hitting a key homer and coming out of the bullpen to go 1⅔ innings and get the win as the Tigers prevailed 5-2.

The wins extended Princeton's winning streak to seven and lifted the Tigers to 16-8 overall and 2-0 in Ivy play. Pitching ace Snyder is now 8-3 on the season with an 0.92 ERA and 103 strikeouts in 68.2 innings.

Barron, for her part, likes the balance her club is showing in the early stages of the season. "We had some great pitching and some big hits," said Barron, reflecting on her team's sweep of the Quakers.

"Erin pitched great and also hit well in the second game. In the first game we hit the ball well but didn't get runs at first. The girls stayed cool and played well. We're not relying on any one person, anyone can contribute."

The Tigers have been getting great contributions from their corps of freshmen. In the opener Saturday, freshman outfielder Kathryn Welch went 3-for-4 with two runs and an RBI. In Game 2, Welch chipped in two more hits while classmate Jackie Araneo went 2-for-3 with 2 RBIs and her first career homer.

On the year, Welch is leading the team with .343 batting average and 15 RBIs while classmate Samantha O'Hara is hitting a solid .313.

"Welch is doing a good job," said Barron. "She's not a flashy player, she just goes out and gets the job done. O'Hara and Larkin Brogan have also been good. We were waiting for Jackie to explode and she did it last Saturday at the right moment."

Princeton's senior leaders, Cristina Cobb-Adams and Amanda Erickson, are coming through at the right moments in their final college campaign. Cobb-Adams is hitting .300 with a team-high 24 hits while Erickson is second on the Tigers in RBIs with 13.

"Cobb-Adams is exactly what you want as a leader," added Barron. "In the fifth inning of the second game, she was determined to get us started and she got a big double. She isn't loud or outspoken; she leads by example and by the intensity she shows. Amanda is the same way. She catches, plays first or third; she just does whatever we need."

The Tigers will look to keep rolling as they play a mid-week doubleheader at Lehigh on Wednesday before a crucial home weekend which sees the Tigers host Yale for a doubleheader on Saturday before a twinbill with Brown a day later.

"We look at things one game at a time; when we hit the field Saturday we will only be thinking about the first game," vowed Barron, who guided Princeton to the Ivy title last year, marking the third time in four years that the Tigers have taken the league crown. "We stress taking things one inning at a time. If we play the way we can, we'll be fine."

—Bill Alden

DOUBLE DUTY: Princeton University senior pitching ace Erin Snyder uncorks a delivery last Wednesday in Princeton's sweep of a doubleheader at Rutgers. Last Saturday, Snyder picked up two wins on the mound and blasted a homer as Princeton opened Ivy play by taking two at Penn. The victories extended Princeton's winning streak to seven and lifted the Tigers to 16-8 overall and 2-0 in Ivy play. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

ON LINE: Princeton senior Amanda Erickson laces the ball in the Tigers' sweep of a twinbill at Rutgers on March 29. Erickson picked up an RBI last Saturday as Princeton swept Penn 4-0 and 5-2 in the Ivy League opener for both teams. Erickson now has 13 RBIs this season, the second most on the Tigers. In upcoming action, Princeton plays a mid-week doubleheader at Lehigh on Wednesday before a crucial home weekend which sees the Tigers host Yale for a doubleheader on Saturday before a twinbill with Brown a day later. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

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PU Women's Rowers Post Big Weekend

The Princeton University top women's open and lightweight boats both posted impressive victories in races on Lake Carnegie last Saturday.

The Tiger women open boat, ranked No. 1 in the country, cruised past Georgetown, Columbia, and Rutgers. Princeton clocked a time of 6:21.8 with Columbia second in 6:44.2, Georgetown third in 6:51.6, and Rutgers last in 6:53.0.

Princeton's women lightweight A boat easily topped Bucknell, covering the course in 7:15.4 with the Bison coming in at 7:24.3.

The Tiger women's open crew is next in action when it hosts Harvard-Radcliffe and Cornell on April 8 while women's lightweight rowers will compete in the Knecht Cup on April 8 in Camden.

PU Women's Water Polo Takes ECAC Crown

Paced by senior star Elyse Colgan, the Princeton University women's water polo team topped Bucknell 9-6 last Sunday in College Park, Md. to win its second straight ECAC championship.

Colgan fired in two goals in the title game and was named the tournament MVP. The Tigers also got two goals apiece from Carolina Ardila, Claire Jacobson, and Karina Reyner.

It was the sixth ECAC title in the last eight years for 19th-ranked Princeton, which improved to 14-5 with the win.

Tiger Men's Golf 9th at Upton Event

Jason Gerkin led the way as the Princeton University men's golf team finished in a ninth-place tie last weekend in the team standings at the two-round Drew Upton Invitational at Westover, Md.

Gerkin shot a one-under 143 (72-71) to place seventh in the individual standings. John Sawin carded a 145 to tie for 19th while Jesse Dixon shot 150, tying for 54th.

Princeton hosts its annual Princeton Invitational on April 8-9.

PU Women's Golf 3rd at Georgetown

Paced by Sharla Cloutier, the Princeton University women's golf team finished third in the team standings at the two-round Georgetown Invitational at Leesburg, Va.

Cloutier shot a +9 153 (78-75) to finish in a three-way tie for second place in the individual standings. Marlowe Boukia tied for 10th with a 158 and Susannah Aboff shot 160 in tying for 15th.

The Tigers compete in the James Madison Invitational in Harrisonburg, Va. from April 7-9.

PU Men's Volleyball Falls to Penn State

Despite strong efforts from Jake Pichard and Peter Eichler, the Princeton University men's volleyball fell 3-0 to No. 11 Penn State last Saturday.

Pichard had a match-high 12 kills and Eichler added eight as Princeton fell 30-22, 30-22, 30-27. The Tigers, now 5-11 overall and 3-7 in EIVA league play, are next in action when they play at George Mason on April 7.

PU Men's Lightweights Win Fosburgh Cup

Giving new head coach Greg Hughes his first career victory, the Princeton University men's top lightweight crew beat Georgetown last Saturday to win the Fosburgh Cup.

The Tigers covered the course on Lake Carnegie in 5:47.8, nearly five seconds better than the 5:52.5 time clocked by the Hoyas.

In upcoming action, Princeton hosts Cornell and Rutgers on April 15.

HEAVY LIFTING: The Princeton University men's heavyweight crew powers through a practice last spring on Lake Carnegie. Last Saturday, the top-ranked Tigers started their 2006 campaign in style by cruising past Rutgers to win the Logg Cup. Princeton's top boat covered the Lake Carnegie course in 5:42.5 with Rutgers well behind with a time of 6:00.6. The Tiger heavyweight rowers host Penn and Columbia on April 8.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

UNDER THE WEATHER: Princeton University pitcher Reid Peyton makes a submarine delivery in action earlier this spring. Last weekend, Peyton and his teammates had a tough time as they dropped a doubleheader to Harvard last Saturday before falling twice to Dartmouth a day later. In upcoming action, Princeton, now 4-15-1 overall and 0-4 in Ivy League play, has doubleheaders at Brown on April 8 and at Yale on April 9.

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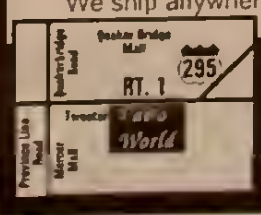

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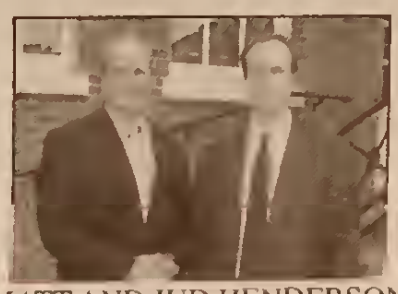

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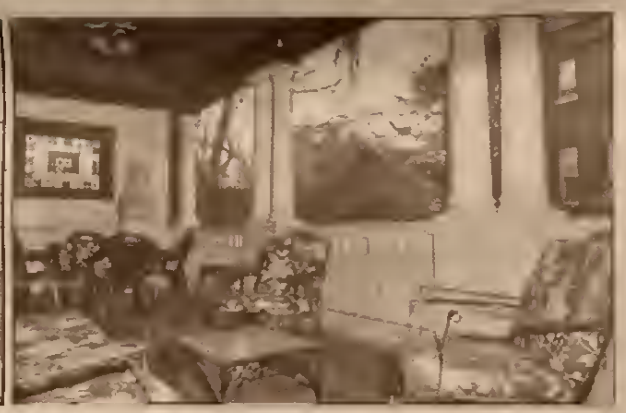

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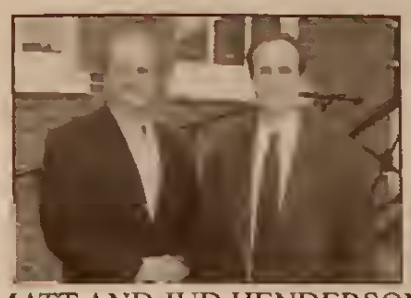

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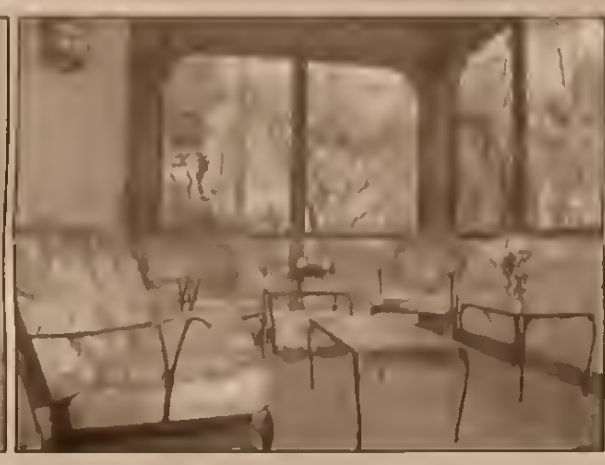

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Hun Softball Starts on a Down Note; Looks to Find Winning Combination

Starting its season at powerful Allentown last Saturday, the Hun School softball team suffered from a case of opening day jitters.

Taking a 2-1 lead into the bottom of the fourth, the roof fell in on the Raiders as they gave up three runs in that frame and four more in the fifth on the way to an 8-2 setback.

Hun head coach Kathy Quirk acknowledged her frustration as she assessed her team's opening day performance. "We had them down 2-1 and then we fell apart," said Quirk, whose team fell to 0-2 with a 7-1 loss to Montgomery last Monday. "If the other team hits the ball that's one thing but they didn't hit the ball out of the infield in the fourth inning. We didn't do a thing offensively."

The veteran coach, who is in her 30th year at the helm of the Hun program, realizes that her team is a work in progress.

"We're going to struggle a little, I'm working on putting together the right combination," said Quirk, who guided the Raiders to an 11-7 record last spring and yet another appearance in the state Prep A title game. "I can't seem to find my perfect nine. I'm looking for my juniors and seniors to show leadership."

The club's pitching situation is emblematic of its unsettled lineup. Quirk will be giving innings to sophomore Carly Evans and junior Nikki Caplinger.

"They will be splitting time," said Quirk, referring to her pitchers. "They both work hard but neither of them is overpowering. Girls are going to hit the ball so we have to play better defense."

Quirk is confident that her infield is up to the task, featuring such veterans as sophomore Morgan Cawley at third base, junior Alyssa Fares at shortstop, senior Katrina O'Hara at second, and sophomore Christine Thomas at first.

The Raider outfield is another story. "I've moved some infielders to the outfield," said Quirk. "I'm looking for people who can run down the ball and catch it."

While the Raiders' slow start is tough to take for the proud program which won the Prep A crown in 2004 and has been a consistent title contender, Quirk is cautiously optimistic that things can come around.

"It's OK to start out like this but you don't want to end this way," added Quirk, whose team has road games at Blair on April 5, at Hill on April 7 and at Steinert on April 8 before hosting Lawrenceville on April 11. "We lost some key players but we have a nucleus of talent; the pieces are there."

The key to getting on track, however, may be a matter of attitude more than talent. "It's going to take time to develop," said Quirk. "I keep telling them that I believe in them but I'm not sure if they believe in themselves yet."

—Bill Alden

SEARCHING FOR ANSWERS: Hun School softball head coach Kathy Quirk instructs one of her players in a game last spring. The Raiders lost 7-1 to Montgomery last Monday to fall to 0-2 on the season. Hun will look to get on the winning track when it plays at Blair on April 5, at Hill on April 7, and at Steinert on April 8 before hosting Lawrenceville on April 11. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

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PDS Girls' Lax Blessed with Athleticism; Plans to Feature Run-and-Gun Approach

Jill Thomas will tell you that her Princeton Day School girls' lacrosse team is stocked with outstanding athletes.

That athleticism will come in handy as Thomas looks to fill holes left by the graduation of top scorer Meg Kerwin and the absence this semester of junior goalie Maddie Ferguson, who is studying in Maine.

"They are a really great group," said head coach Thomas, who is in her ninth year guiding the program. "We are really fast and tremendous at passing and catching."

Thomas is hoping that her team's overall stick skills will help fill the void left by the departure of Kerwin.

"Making up for Meg is tough, one player can't do it," acknowledged Thomas, whose team went 12-5 last year, winning the Patriot Conference title and advancing to the Prep A semis where it lost to Lawrenceville. "We have a lot of people who can score; the twins (juniors Allie and Nina Crouse), Keely Langdon, Katy Briody, and Mary Peters from the defense."

Junior midfielder Langdon could well emerge as the Panthers' top gun. "We ask her to do a lot," said Thomas of Langdon, who scored two goals last Monday as PDS opened its season with an 8-6 win over Notre Dame. "She is playing center and she is all over the field for us."

The absence of Ferguson also presents a major challenge for Thomas. She will be using sophomore Leah Lefebvre and junior Maria Cannavo between the pipes.

"They both can play," said Thomas, who will likely rotate her goalies in the early stages of the season with the hope that one of them will emerge as the top option.

The abundance of athletic talent should help PDS firm up the defense in front of the goalie as Thomas will use senior star Peters together with classmates Jess Cellars and Katy Cara.

In Thomas' view, the team's recent preseason trip to the American Lacrosse Camp in St. Petersburg, Fla. should help it get into sync.

"It is always a great place to go," said Thomas. "We played 12 different schools including one from Canada. There were clinics in the morning and games in the afternoon."

Thomas is hoping her club can put on a clinic offensively as the season unfolds. "We know we have to score goals," asserted Thomas. "We have to put the ball in the net. We're going to need goals from all over the field. They have the speed to do it."

PDS will look to build on its season-opening win over Notre Dame as it plays at Hopewell Valley on April 6 and at Hun on April 8.

"It's a trial by fire but that's good," said Thomas. "The girls have been playing together for years. They like each other and they trust each other."

—Bill Alden

CENTER STAGE: Princeton Day School junior center midfielder Keely Langdon, left, controls the ball in action last season. Last Monday, Langdon scored two goals as PDS opened its season with an 8-6 win over Notre Dame. In upcoming action, the Panthers play at Hopewell Valley on April 6 and at Hun on April 8. (Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

Scrappy PDS Boys' Lax Starts With Solid Win; Plans to Pull Plenty of Surprises This Spring

As Pete Higgins looks to fire up his Princeton Day School boys' lacrosse team this spring, he could well invoke George Mason's improbable run in this year's NCAA men's hoops tourney.

"We're always the little guys against the big guys in the Blanchi Division," said a laughing Higgins, who led PDS to a 10-7 record last season and a trip to the state Prep B semifinals. "We pull our share of surprises. We may have a young team but we have some good leaders."

That leadership starts up front with senior attacker Fred Mittnacht. "I'm looking at Fred to be a force," said Higgins, whose team started the season with a 11-7 win over New Hope-Solebury last Monday as Mittnacht scored four goals. "He came on real strong at the end of last season."

Others who will be in the mix on attack for PDS include junior Joey Horowitz and freshman Ben Stadilus.

The Panther midfield is spearheaded by two of the team's key leaders, seniors David Blitzer and Pat Briody. Both will be playing lacrosse at the college level with Blitzer headed to Williams and Briody going to Colby.

"Blitzer is great on the faceoffs," asserted Higgins, who is in his ninth year heading the PDS program. "He is a strong defensive midfielder and his offense has really improved. Pat is our playmaker in the midfield."

The PDS midfield will also include seniors Mike Savary and Kevin Smith together with juniors Derek Mayer, Justin Mimmo, Dave Beard, and Mark Milner. Sophomores Phil Stadilus and Eric Czapka should also see time in the midfield.

The Panthers will be relying on junior goalie Garret Helm to step up into a leadership role. "Garret has been a good stopper for us," said Higgins. "He's working on improving his outlet passes and his clearing and he's looking better on those things."

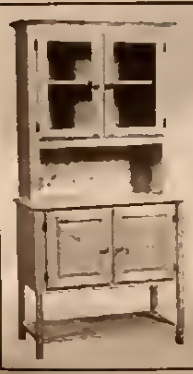
The PDS backline will feature seniors Alex Kowalski and Colin Wallach together with a trio of sophomores Warren Wilson, Peter Travers, and Eric Donovan.

"We will be mixing it up back there," said Higgins in assessing his defensive unit. "We have a lot of young guns we can use."

As usual, PDS will be shooting to take some big scalps. "The key for us is always staying injury free," added Higgins, whose club has road games at Newark Academy on April 6, at Rutgers Prep on April 8, and at Morristown-Beard on April 11.

"If we get banged up, we don't have the extra depth. We're always a threat to beat the big teams."

—Bill Alden



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PHS

Baseball: R.J. Nicholas and Bryce Metro each had RBIs but it wasn't nearly enough as PHS opened its season by losing 12-2 to Hamilton last Monday. In upcoming action, the Little Tigers host Trenton on April 6 before playing at New Hope on April 7, at Allentown on April 10, and at Nottingham on April 11.

Softball: Unable to slow powerful Hamilton, PHS fell 7-3 to the Hornets last Monday. The game was knotted at 1-1 going into the bottom of the third before Hamilton reeled off three runs to take control of the contest. PHS will look to get on the winning track as it hosts Trenton on April 6 before playing at Allentown on April 7 and at Nottingham on April 11.

Boys' Lacrosse: Brandon Polakoff led the way as PHS edged Christian Brothers Academy 6-5 last Saturday in the season opener for both teams. Polakoff scored three goals with David Giancola adding two. Junior star Tyler Moni scored the game-winner with 8:09 remaining in the fourth period. Senior goalie Sam Finnell recorded 12 saves to lead the PHS defensive effort. The Little Tigers play at Notre Dame on April 7 before hosting Hightstown on April 11.

Girls' Lacrosse: Displaying a high-powered attack, PHS routed Hightstown 16-3 last Saturday in the season opener for both teams. Elizabeth Haughton fired in a game-high four goals with Allegra Formento, Elizabeth Price, and Sarah Wright chipping in three apiece. PHS plays at Lawrence on April 6 and at Allentown on April 10.

STUART

Lacrosse: Kelly Bruvik had a big day but it wasn't enough as Stuart fell 12-10 to Hun in overtime last Monday. Bruvik scored five goals with Elizabeth Buckley adding two. In upcoming action, the Tartans host George School on April 7 before playing at Rutgers Prep on April 10.

Track: Sprint star Carys Johnson led the way as Stuart opened its season by topping Pennington 57-40. Johnson won the 100 meters in a time of 13.1 and the 400 in 1:10.8. Other winners for the Tartans included Laura Brienza in the 1,600, Nicole Huber in the 3,200, and Jenae Harrington in the long jump. Stuart will next be in action when it competes at the Prep Relays on April 5 at Lawrenceville and has dual meets at Peddie on April 8 and at Bordentown on April 11.

LAWRENCEVILLE

Baseball: Lawrenceville split a doubleheader at Mercersburg Academy last Sunday. The Big Red dropped the opener 2-1 but then came back to prevail 9-3 in game two with John Edwards and Marcos Gonzalez each chipping in two RBIs. The Big Red, now 1-3, host Episcopal on April 5, play at Pennington on April 7, at Blair Academy on April 8, and then host Peddie on April 11.

Boys' Lacrosse: Evan Sullivan led the way as Lawrenceville cruised to a 12-5 win at Mercersburg last Sunday. Sullivan tallied five goals with Paul Webber adding four as the Big Red improved to 2-0 on the season. Lawrenceville hosts Columbia High on April 5 before playing the Hotchkiss School on April 8 in New Canaan, Ct.

BLAST OFF: Hun School star Billy Swenson blasts one of the two homers he hit last Saturday in Hun's 4-3 season-opening win over Lawrenceville. Swenson's second roundtripper came in the bottom of the seventh and gave Hun the margin of victory. Mike Russo picked up the win on the mound for the Raiders. In upcoming action, Hun plays at Peddie on April 5 and at Steinert on April 7 before hosting St. Luke's School on April 8.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

Girls' Lacrosse: Paced by a balanced attack, Lawrenceville topped Mercersburg 10-7 last Sunday. Sarah Troutman scored three goals with Sara Flood, Nellie Morris, and Cathryn Morris adding two apiece. The Big Red, now 1-0, host Moorestown on April 5, play at Blair Academy on April 8, and then host Peddie on April 11.

HUN

Girls' Lacrosse: Senior star Mary Stinson produced a career day to lead Hun to a 12-10 overtime win against Stuart Country Day last Monday. Stinson fired in eight goals with Claire Halladay chipping in two as the Raiders improved to 2-0. In upcoming action, Hun plays at Rutgers Prep on April 6 before hosting Princeton Day School on April 8.

PDS

Softball: Emily Exter had a big day at the plate but it wasn't enough as PDS fell 5-4 to Rutgers Prep last Thursday in the season opener for both teams. Exter went 2-for-4 with a pair of doubles while Panther pitcher Nicole Auerbach struck out 11 in a losing cause. In upcoming action, PDS hosts Morrisville on April 6 before playing at Pennington on April 7 and at Blair on April 10.

Boys' Tennis: Sparked by wins in both doubles matches, PDS opened the season with a 3-2 win over Rutgers Prep last Thursday. The Panthers' top doubles team of Pat Murphy and Sanjeev Sharma won 6-3, 6-3 over Travis DeSilva and Nishal Raval while the second doubles pair of Dylan Dreher and Neil Sharma posted a 6-4, 6-2 win over Jamie Bates and Michael McGregor. PDS first singles star David Holland cruised to a 6-1, 6-1 win over Nikhil Anharasan. PDS has home matches against George on April 7, Pennington on April 10, and Germantown Academy on April 11.

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PHS Football Coach Holding Summer Camp

Princeton High School football head coach Stephen Everette and the PHS Booster Club will hold its annual youth football camp July 11-13 at the PHS turf field.

Working in groups and individually will allow for accelerated skill development and a better fundamental understanding of the game for beginners through experienced players. It is a non-contact camp for youth ages 8-14 and will run from 9 a.m.-noon each day.

The cost is $100 for three days or $35/day. Scholarships are available. For more information or a brochure, contact coach Everette by phone at (609) 204-1850 or via e-mail at stephen_everette@monet.prs.k12.nj.us.

Princeton Street Hoops To Be Held April 8

The third annual Princeton 3-on-3 Charity Street Basketball Tournament will be held on April 8 at Princeton University's Dillon Gym, starting at 4 p.m.

The tournament, hosted by Princeton University's Black Men's Awareness Group, brings together basketball enthusiasts from all over the East Coast. All tournament proceeds will benefit Community House, an organization at Princeton that serves the youth of the Princeton Borough.

There will be more than bragging rights on the line when three divisions—men's top gun, men's recreational, and women's—compete for over $5,000 in product prizes.

Event host Keith "Suede" Dos Reis Jr. and DJ Spynfo will be on hand to capture the sights and sounds of the tournament for their nationally syndicated radio show "Live from Da Yard." An interactive fan vehicle dubbed the New York Knicks Groove Truck will allow attendees to participate in basketball games, skill competitions, and Playstation tournaments.

Additional competitions in the event will consist of a Slam Dunk Contest, a Three-point Shootout and a special appearance by the NYC Street Basketball All-Stars. Items being given away or raffled off include autographed basketball memorabilia, basketball sneakers, and hundreds of gift certificates.

The registration fee for Princeton teams is $20 and non-Princeton teams $30. Registration ends April 6. For information and to register log on to www.princeton-streetball.com or contact Christopher Chaney via e-mail at cchaney@princeton.edu or by phone at (609) 986-8306.

Princeton Pop Warner Holding Registration

The Princeton Pop Warner Youth Football and Cheerleading Program is currently registering children for the 2006 season which begins on August 1.

Boys and girls ages 5-14 are invited to register for football and cheerleading. The program provides all equipment except cleats. This program is starting its fourth year and has been growing continuously. Last year, the Princeton program had a flag team and five tackle teams in the Central Jersey league in addition to offering cheerleading for the first time.

The Pop Warner program was started nationally in 1929 and offers a safe, instructional, and fun program to teach children the game of football and cheerleading. It is the only youth program which also incorporates an academic requirement and has a little scholars program beginning at the age of 9.

For more information, log on to www.princetonpop warner.com, forward an e-mail to ptonpopwarner@aol.com, or call Brooke Vieten (609) 203-1311. The registration fee is $130 through the end of March and then goes up to $200. Full scholarships are available.

Eden Family 5k Run Set for April 23

The third annual Eden Family 5k and Fun Run will be held on April 23 at the Doral Forrestal at 100 College Road East in Princeton.

The event, which is being held in conjunction with National Autism Awareness month, features a 5k road race and a 1-mile Fun Run on a relatively flat USATF-certified course.

The Fun Run starts at 8:30 a.m. while the 5k begins at 9 a.m. The registration fee for the 5k race is $19 in advance and $22 on race day while the entry fee for the Fun Run is $14 in advance and $16 on race day.

For more information about the event or to register, contact the race director, Jerry Fennelly, by phone at (609) 631-9211 or via e-mail at fennelly@fennely.com. Information is also available at www.edenfamilySk.org.

Men's Summer Hoops Sets Managers Meeting

The Princeton Recreation Department will host a managers' meeting for its men's summer basketball league on May 2 at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting will be held in the Lower Level Conference Room of the Princeton Recreation office located at 380 Witherspoon Street.

Anyone interested in entering a team into the league must attend the meeting. For more information, contact Ben Stentz at (609) 921-9480 or by e-mail at stentz@princetontownship.nj.us.

Patriots Baseball Has Big Weekend

The Princeton Patriots 12-and-under baseball team got off to a hot start in Dave Gallagher Baseball League action, sweeping an opening day doubleheader last Sunday.

In the opener, Princeton edged the Hamilton Bulls 6-5, paced by a grand slam home run from Philip Pecora. In the second game, the Patriots defeated Jackson 6-1 with Jon Ostroff pitching a complete game victory. The wins lifted Princeton into first place in the Gallagher league standings.

Earlier in the weekend, the Patriots defeated Basking Ridge 17-9 on Saturday to even their record at 1-1 in the Central Jersey Amateur Baseball League. Princeton pounded out 18 hits in the win, including four from Ostroff, three from James Bunn, and two each from Pecora, Dan Shaughnessy, Josh Berger, and Joe Clancy.

OPENING SALVO: Matthew Hoffman of the Mets in the Princeton Little League Majors division fires a pitch last Saturday in opening day action. Hoffman helped pitch the Mets to a 4-3 win over the White Sox. In other action last Saturday in the Majors, the Phillies beat the Red Sox 4-3 as Alex Bauman hit a gme-winning 2 run homer and the Dodgers topped the Yankees 2-1 as pitchers Peter Schulman and Stephen Sipprelle combined for the victory. In games on Monday, the Yankees topped the White Sox 6-3 and the Phillies blanked the Dodgers 10-0 as Ian Finnen hurled a shutout.

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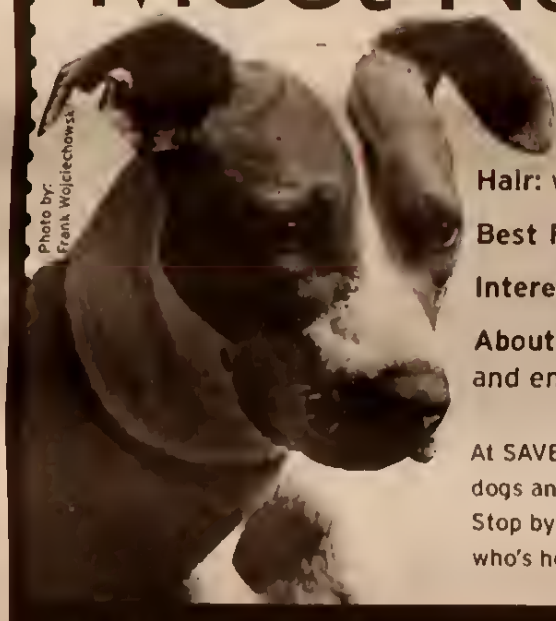
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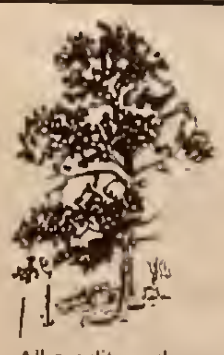
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Failure to evaluate fall risk is a major "misstep" in the treatment of seniors. Most people think of falling as an inevitable part of aging, but recent findings suggest that while risk factors may increase with aging, proper evaluation and treatment can greatly reduce falling in seniors. Seniors know that a fall is one of the greatest threats to their much-treasured independence. Falls can cause a serious physical injury, such as a fracture or head trauma. But a fall also leads to a fear of falling again, which can result in a loss of confidence, which in turn causes many seniors to decrease their activity. This can create a vicious cycle of increased weakness, joint stiffness, and an increased frailty, which leads to an even further decrease in activity, and possibly even the need to give up independent, community dwelling.

A number of factors can precipitate a fall. Medical disorders, such as Parkinson's Disease, stroke, vision problems, and even arthritis can certainly be to blame, but extrinsic, or environmental factors must be considered as well, such as tripping on a rug or falling in the shower. Certain medications can be responsible for a fall as well, as they may reduce alertness or cause dizziness. Sometimes, it is difficult to tell whether it is the medical problem or the medication the patient takes for it that is to blame for a fall.

Proper evaluation can enable seniors and their physicians to take steps to reduce the risk of a fall. Is there a history of previous falls? If so, the circumstances must be examined closely. Were environmental hazards involved, such as flooring or stairways? Did the patient experience any symptoms prior to falling, such as dizziness or palpitations? What medical problems does the patient have and what medications is he/she taking for them?

The Princeton and Rutgers Neurology Dizziness and Balance Center in Monroe Township is dedicated to evaluating fall risk in seniors with an emphasis on prevention. Its staff of neurologists and physical therapists go beyond diagnosing and treating neurological disorders. They treat the whole person, and plan a strategy for reducing risk factors and therefore the number of falls and fall-related injuries. The strategy may include physical therapy programs tailored to meet the patient's specific needs, review and modification of medication usage, advise on use of assistive devices that provide stability, such as walkers or canes, and even evaluation of environmental hazards, and how to eliminate them.

The Dizziness and Balance Center is located at 9 Center Drive, Bldg. #9, Suite #130, Monroe Township. For an appointment, call 609-395-7615. Visit the office website at princetonandrutgersneurology.com

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Calendar

Wednesday, April 5

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.: Princeton Theological Seminary Annual Used Book Sale; Whiteley Gymnasium, Princeton Theological Seminary.

4:30 p.m.: Readings by Chimamanda Adichie, Will Eno, and Stephanie Elizondo Griest; Stewart Film Theater, 18S Nassau Street. Free.

7:30 p.m.: *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde*; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

7:30 p.m.: *A Midsummer Night's Dreom*; McCarter Theatre. Also Thursday at 7:30 p.m., Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 3 and 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

8 p.m.: Jazz Vespers Ensemble; Princeton University Chapel.

8 p.m.: Illustrated Talk by Dr. Jerry Ehrlich, on Doctors Without Borders Camp in Darfur; Jewish Center of Princeton.

8 p.m.: *Gunmetol Blues*; George Street Playhouse, New Brunswick. Also Thursday through Saturday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2 p.m., Sunday at 2 and 7 p.m.

Thursday, April 6

Noon: Talk and book signing with Richard Amdt, author of *The First Resort of Kings*; Princeton University Bookstore.

S to 8 p.m.: Princeton United Methodist Church Thrift Sale. Also Friday from 9 a.m. to S p.m., Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

7 p.m.: Screening of *Lo Ceremonie*; Princeton Public Library. Free.

7 p.m.: Talk and book signing with Anne Marie Macari, author of *Glorylond*; Princeton University Bookstore.

7:30 p.m.: Regional Planning Board of Princeton; Township Municipal Complex.

7:30 p.m.: Review of Writers Block project with Writers Block organizers; Arts Council of Princeton's conTEMPORARY Arts Center, Princeton Shopping Center.

8 p.m.: *The Goat, or Who Is Sylvio?*; Theatre Intime, Murray-Dodge Hall. Also Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m.

8 p.m.: Princeton University Concert with Irish Pianist John O'Conor; Richardson Auditorium. Also Friday at 8 p.m.

Friday, April 7

10 a.m.: *Cinderello*; Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Saturday at 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

11 a.m. and 8 p.m.: *Godspell*, Bucks County Playhouse, New Hope, Pa. Also Saturday at 4 and 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

7 p.m.: *Chorlie & The Chocolote Foctory*; Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College. Also Saturday and Sunday at 2 and 4 p.m.

7 p.m.: Darla Rich Quartet; Fedora Cafe, Lawrenceville.

7 p.m.: Talk and book signing with Hugh Hardy, author of *Building Type Bosics for Performing Arts Facilities*; Princeton University Bookstore.

8 p.m.: Jazz Fridays Series with bassist John Patitucci; Mount-Burke Theater, Peddie School, Hightstown.

8 p.m.: Ballet Folklorico de Princeton; Frist Campus Center Theater. Also Saturday at 7 p.m.

8 p.m.: Westminster Kantorei and Fuma Sacra; Bristol Chapel, Westminster Choir College.

8 and 10:30 p.m.: Comedians Joe Bublewicz and Davin Rosenblatt; Catch A Rising Star Comedy Club, Hyatt Regency Hotel. Also Saturday at 8 and 10:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 8

10 a.m.: Knights of Columbus Annual Easter Egg Hunt; Princeton Battlefield, Mercer Road.

4 p.m.: American Repertory Ballet, *Cinderello*; Patriots Theater at the War Memorial, Trenton.

7 p.m.: Tony Mennella and The Dick Braytenbah Trio; Hopewell Valley Bistro, Hopewell.

7:30 p.m.: Cabaret troupe Boulevard East; Domestic Arts Building, Grounds For Sculpture, Hamilton.

7:30 p.m.: Beth Chaim Film Series, *Europo, Europa*; Beth Chaim Congregation, West Windsor.

7:30 p.m.: *Polnis ond Possion*, with Jubilate Deo and Cantate Domino Choirs; Miller Chapel, Princeton Theological Seminary.

8 p.m.: Westminster Chapel Choir Spring Concert; Bristol Chapel, Westminster Choir College.

Sunday, April 9

2 to 5 p.m.: Annual Healthy Kids Day; Princeton Family YMCA, Paul Robeson Place.

3 p.m.: New Jersey Symphony Orchestra, with violinist Julian Rachlin; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

3 p.m.: Practitioners of Mustck; Bristol Chapel, Westminster Choir College.

4 p.m.: Pennington Singers; Sparks Memorial Gymnasium, Pennington School, Pennington.

Tuesday, April 11

7 p.m.: Talk and book signing with Juliet Eilperin, author of *Fight Club Politics*; Princeton University Bookstore.

8 p.m.: *Gunmetol Blues*; George Street Playhouse, New Brunswick. Also Wednesday through Saturday at 8 p.m., Thursday at 2 p.m., Sunday at 2 and 7 p.m.

8 p.m.: Mark Morris Dance Group; McCarter Theatre.

SPRING BLOOMING OVER THE LIBRARY: Princeton had its first real taste of spring last week with a canopy of blossoms hanging over the library and, on the weekend, lots of people enjoying the plaza. *(Photo by E.J. Greenblat)*

Wednesday, April 12

Noon: Drumthwacket Tour. Every Wednesday. For reservations, call (609) 683-0057.

4:30 p.m.: Reading by Dave Eggers; Stewart Film Theater, 18S Nassau Street. Free.

Thursday, April 13

7:30 p.m.: Talk by playwright Beth Henley; Princeton Public Library.

Friday, April 14

2 and 8 p.m.: *Godspell*, Bucks County Playhouse, New Hope, Pa. Also Saturday at 4 and 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

7 to 10 p.m.: Ping Pong Night for Adults; Plainsboro Municipal Building.

8 p.m.: Rock band The Cowboy Junkies; McCarter Theatre.

8 p.m.: Princeton University's Program in Theatre and Dance production of *Romeo & Juliet*; Berlind Theatre. Also Saturday at 8 p.m.

8 and 10:30 p.m.: Comedians Richie Byrne and Eric Hunter; Catch A Rising Star Comedy Club, Hyatt Regency Hotel. Also Saturday at 8 and 10:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 15

10 a.m.-4 p.m.: Sharpening the Quill Workshop on fiction writing with author Lauren B. Davis; YWCA Princeton's Bramwell House. To register, call (609) 497-2100, ext. 317.

8 p.m.: Rhythm & Drumming Circle with Mark Wood; Princeton Center for Yoga & Health, Skillman.

8 p.m.: Jackie Mason, *Freshly Squeezed*; McCarter Theatre.

8 p.m.: *If You ever Leove Me...I'm Going With You*, with Renee Taylor & Joe Bologna; Patriots Theater at the War Memorial, Trenton.

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BASEBALL'S BACK: Looking forward to opening day at Grover Park last Friday are members and coaches of the White Sox. The team is sponsored by University Radiology. *(Photo by E.J. Greenblat)*

CLUBS

The **Jersey Jumpers** will host a swing dance and Lindy Hop with live music by Eight to the Bar on Friday, April 21, at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation on Cherry Hill Road.

Beginner and intermediate lessons taught by Donna Reinhart will begin at 7:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.; the dance will be from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Admission will be $15 for adults, $12 for students.

All levels are welcome, and partners are not required.

For more information, call (609) 945-1883.

The **Central Jersey Dance Society** will host a "Salsa Sensation" dance on Saturday, April 15 at the Suzanne Paterson Center. Beginner and intermediate lessons in salsa and mambo will be offered from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., with open dancing from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Admission will be $11 for adults, $8 for students.

All levels are welcome, and partners are not required.

For more information, call (609) 945-1883 or visit www.centraljerseydance.org.

The **Professional and Business Singles Network** will host an after hours social on Tuesday, April 25 from 5:30 to 9 p.m. at Diamond's Restaurant, 1140 River Road, Ewing. The event will include a "Pinwheel Forum" and round table introductions at 7:15 p.m.

Membership is not required.

Admission will be $12. The meeting topic will be "Dating People in Transition."

For more information,call (888) 348-5544 or visit www.PBSNinfo.com.

The **Zonta Club of Trenton/Mercer** will hold its third annual Gourmet Garden event on Thursday, April 27 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Grounds for Sculpture in Hamilton. The business networking event will include food and wine from area restaurants, music by the classical and jazz guitarist Keith Kukla, door prizes, and entry to the museum grounds.

Tickets are $60 in advance or $75 at the door.

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Richard Atcheson

The writer and editor Richard Atcheson, 71, of Princeton Junction, died at Robert Wood Johnson Hospital in New Brunswick March 23. His wife of 44 years, Jean, and his daughter Katie were with him. The cause was a heart attack and multiple system failures.

He is best remembered for his work at AARP The Magazine, where he was executive editor until his retirement, and editor at large until recently.

The eldest child of William H. Atcheson and Dorothy Williams Atcheson, he was born in Houston on August 10, 1934, and educated in parochial schools there and in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he was valedictorian of his class at Cascia Hall, an Augustinian preparatory school. He majored in English at Princeton University, one of two students from Oklahoma admitted that year. Much of his free time at Princeton was spent singing; he was music director of the Tigertones and also sang tenor in a close harmony quartet called The Boomerangs, which performed annually during the summer opera festival in Central City, Colorado.

The Princeton Alumni Weekly gave him his first break in journalism, assigning him the "On the Campus" column his senior year.

After a stint in the army, he learned the newspaper business by moving to Chicago and reporting for the City News Bureau, which served all four daily papers. The newspaper columnist Jack Mabley gave Mr. Atcheson his first job, hiring him to be his "legman" at the Chicago Daily News. His next break came when Hugh Hefner offered him work as theater editor on a new magazine he was starting called Show Business Illustrated. Senior editor and feature writing positions at national magazines followed, including Show, Holiday, Saturday Evening Post, Saturday Review, and Lear's.

For the last 10 years he had lived chiefly in Washington D.C., but returned regularly to the family home in Princeton Junction, New Jersey, For the last months of his life, as he became increasingly ill, he lived there exclusively.

In addition to his wife, Jean, of Princeton Junction, he is survived by his children, Katie and Nicholas, both of New York, and Dorothy, of London, England, and three foster children: Kate Skinner, of San Francisco; Michael Skinner, of New York, and Brian Skinner, of Levittown, Pa. A sister, Maryellen Vander Sluis, of Napa, Calif., and a brother, Robert, of Vian, Okla., also survive.

A memorial service for family and friends will be held at Trinity Church in Princeton on Monday, April 10, at 2 p.m., and another gathering will take place in conjunction with his 50th Princeton reunion in June, at which he had been hoping to sing once again with The Boomerangs.

Helen Warren Carroll

Helen Warren Carroll, 85, a lifelong Princeton resident, died Monday at the Morningside Manor in San Antonio, Texas.

Born in Princeton, she lived on Jefferson Road until she moved to San Antonio in 2004. She graduated from Princeton High School class of 1937, attended Wellesley College, and graduated in 1941 from C.E.F., New York City.

She taught at various nursery schools in New Jersey and was also employed by the Princeton University ticket office for over 25 years. She was an active member of Nassau Presbyterian Church and the Wellesley Club, and she volunteered for the Princeton University Athletic Department and the Hospital Fete.

Daughter of the late Henry and Nellie Clayton Warren, wife of the late Donald D. Carroll whom she married in 1945, she is survived by two daughters, Dee Carroll Morgan of Columbia, S.C., and Honey Carroll Kirk of San Antonio, Texas; and four grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, April 7, at 2 p.m. in the Niles Chapel at Nassau Presbyterian Church, 61 Nassau Street, Princeton. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Nassau Presbyterian Church or VITAS Hospice Charitable Fund, 5430 Fredericksburg Rd, San Antonio, Texas 78229. Arrangements are under the direction of the Mather-Hodge Funeral Home, Princeton.

Ann Wolf

Ann Wolf, 75, of Princeton, died March 26 at home following a long battle with rheumatoid arthritis.

Born in Goettingen, Germany, she studied early childhood education before emigrating to the United States with her husband in 1952. She became a United States citizen in 1957, and lived the latter half of her life in Princeton.

A dedicated homemaker, she devoted her life to her husband and children, working as a part-time bookkeeper. She found great enjoyment in gardening and handicrafts, and was an active volunteer in civic, school, and youth organizations. An avid international traveler, she relished visiting and corresponding with friends and relatives in America, Europe, and the Middle East.

Daughter of the late August and Emilie Sermond, she was predeceased also by her husband of 55 years, Martin Wolf, professor emeritus at the University of Pennsylvania, in 2004, and by four brothers. She is survived by two sisters, Gerda Henze and Edith Huwald, both of Germany; her children, Michael Wolf of Lowell, Mass., Dr. Thomas Wolf of Mountain View, Calif., Margaret Rabinowich of Pennington, and Dr. Dorothy Butler of Greenville, N.C.; and seven grandchildren.

A private ceremony was held by the family on April 1 at Alloway Funeral Home, Merchantville.

Mary Alice Phox Gee

Mary Alice Phox Gee, 91, of Princeton, died April 7 at home. Born in King William County, Va., she was a Princeton resident for 76 years, a graduate of the Princeton Public School System, and a member of First Baptist Church of Princeton.

Daughter of the late Pleasant and Emma Phox, she was the wife of the late Henry Gee Sr. and mother of the late Helen Grisham, and Vivian Patricia Clark.

She is survived by a son Henry Gee, Jr., sisters Evelyn P. Willis of Trenton; Martha E. Barbour of West Windsor; brothers, Thomas, Alfred, and Floyd Phox, of Princeton; Charles W. Phox of Trenton; and Harold Phox of Virginia.

The funeral service will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday, April 6 at First Baptist Church in Princeton. Calling hours will be 9 a.m. until time of service at the church. Arrangements are by the Hughes Funeral Home.

Harold P. Eubank

Dr. Harold Porter Eubank, 81, of Kilmarnock, Va., formerly of Princeton, died of cancer on March 23 in Kilmarnock. He was a pioneer in magnetic fusion energy research.

He was a research physicist at the Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory from 1959 to 1985, where he headed neutral beam research.

He served as chairman of the Division of Plasma Physics at the American Physical Society in 1977. In 1981 he was awarded a Distinguished Associate Award from the U.S. Department of Energy for his leadership in the production and study of neutral beam-heated high temperature plasmas. The research was in support of the nation's fusion energy research program. In 1982 he was awarded the Elliott Cresson Medal and a Life Fellow Membership from the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia.

During his career he published more than 100 papers and spoke frequently at scientific meetings around the world.

Dr. Eubank grew up in rural Virginia. After receiving a Bronze Star for his service in the U.S. Army during World War II, he returned to complete a B.S. in physics in 1948 at the College of William and Mary. In 1950 he received an M.S. in physics from Syracuse University, and in 1953 a Ph.D. in physics from Brown University, where he served as an assistant professor until he joined PPPL.

In retirement he moved back to his family's farm in Kilmarnock, where he was active in supporting local creative and performing arts groups.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Alice Bonner Eubank; two sons, H. Porter Eubank II and Charles Stanley Eubank; a daughter, Elizabeth Eubank Stern; two step-children, Diane Jettinghoff and Steven Douglas Witte; his first wife, Harriet Hinman Eubank; and two granddaughters.

Funeral arrangements were by the Currie Funeral Home.

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Roberta Ruliffson

Roberta Ruliffson, 73, a longtime resident of Lawrenceville and Princeton, died November 29 in Princeton Medical Center after a brief illness.

At the time of her death she was semi-retired but continued to maintain a private practice as a clinical social worker.

Originally from Massachusetts, she came to New Jersey to attend Drew University. After earning a master's degree from Smith College School of Social Work in 1962 she worked in a variety of capacities for the New Jersey Division of Youth and Family Services, and later for the Guidance Clinic of the Catholic Welfare Bureau, where she became Clinical Director in 1973. She completed advanced training at the Institute for Psychoanalytic Training and Research in New York City, and also took advanced courses at the Columbia University and Smith College schools of social work.

In addition to being a psychotherapist, mentor of women, and enthusiastic world traveler, Mrs. Ruliffson was an advocate for animals. She left the bulk of her estate to the Matthew J. Ryan Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, to fund a scholarship for veterinary students and to benefit small animals and the new shelter medicine program.

She is survived by a sister, Marjorie Sheldon of Gainesville, Fla., a niece, and two nephews.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 22 at 2 p.m. at the Unitarian Church of Princeton, 50 Cherry Hill Road. Those wishing to celebrate her life are invited to attend the service and the reception afterwards hosted by friends and colleagues.

Memorial donations may be made to Just Cats Sanctuary, P.O. Box 85, North Branch, N.Y. 12766.

Bernard Gerb

Bernard Gerb, 80, of Princeton, died March 27 of a heart attack in his sleep. He had lived in Princeton for more than 40 years.

Born in Gloversville, N.Y., he attended Cornell University and Rutgers University Law School. During a long career as a patent attorney, he was a managing partner at the firm of Ostrolenk, Faber, Gerb, and Soffen in New York City.

After his retirement, he served on the Mercer County Democratic Committee and was heavily involved in the Princeton community. He was a member of the Jewish Center of Princeton, the Nassau Club, the Rotary Club of Princeton, the Old Guard, the American Jewish Committee, and Community Without Walls. He helped found 55-PLUS, a forum for Princeton-area seniors, and led the organization for more than 15 years, considering it one of his proudest achievements.

He is remembered for his generosity to charitable causes and his devotion to his immediate and extended family.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Alice; a son, Andrew of Timonium, Md.; a daughter, Jane of Princeton; two sisters, Riva Salk of Floral Park, N.Y., and Rose Cooper of West Palm Beach, Fla.; and three grandchildren.

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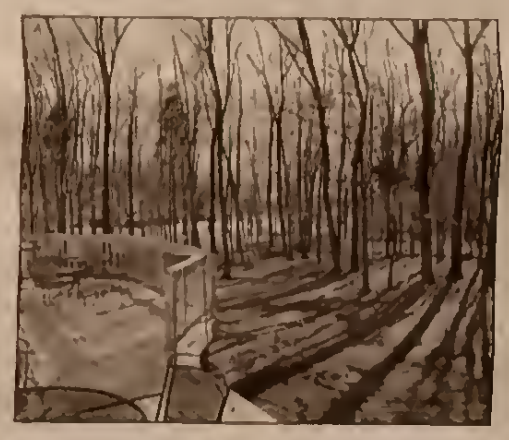

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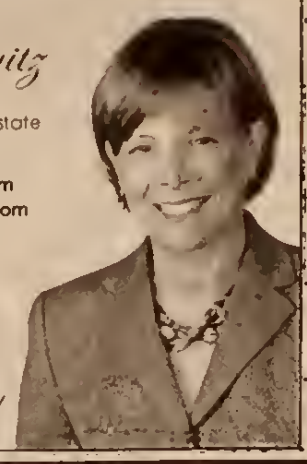

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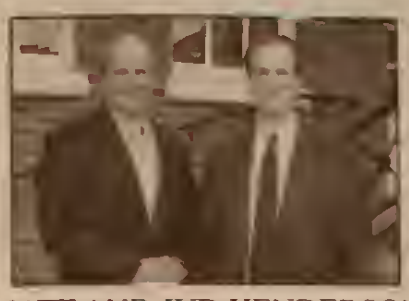

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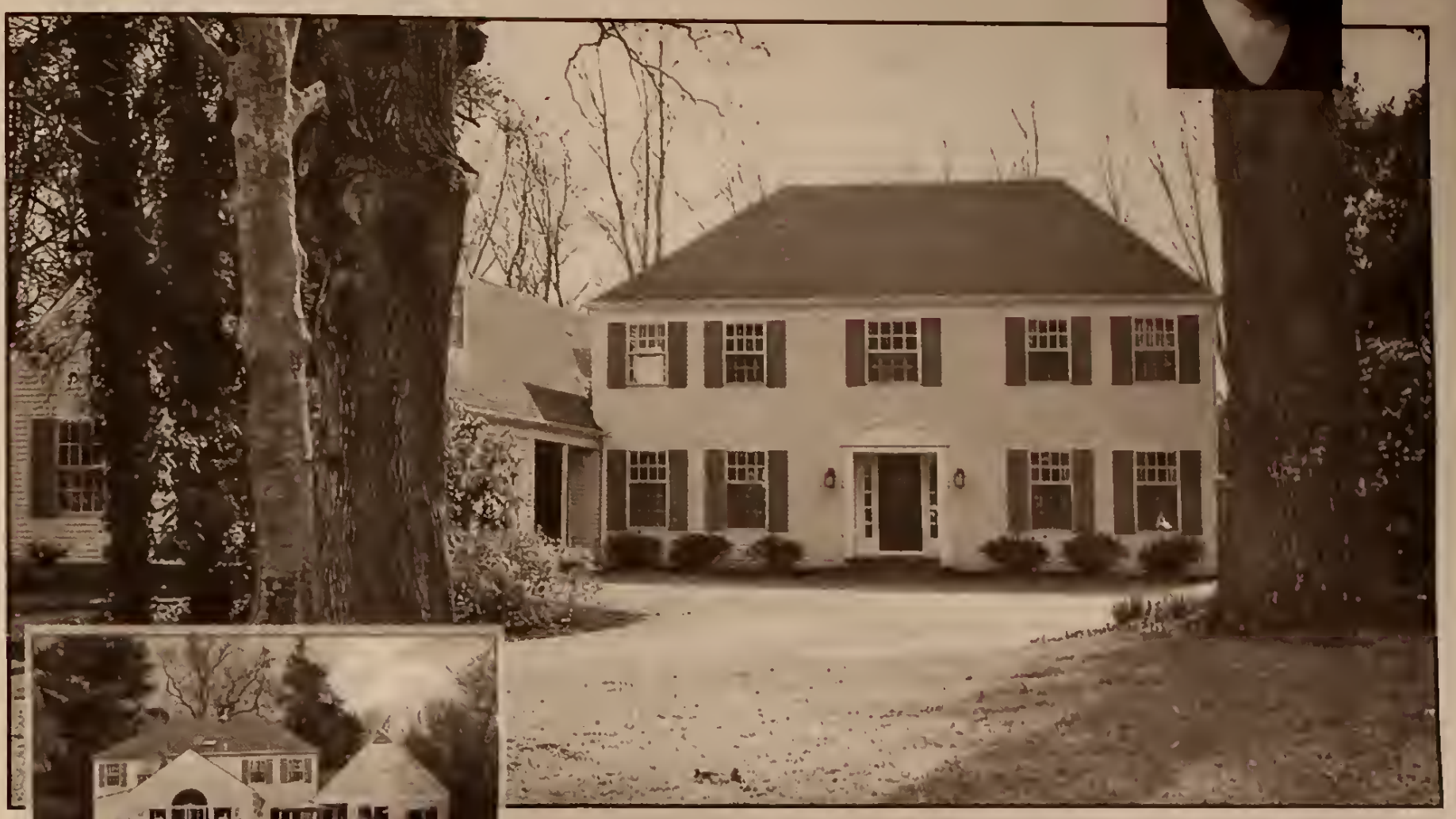

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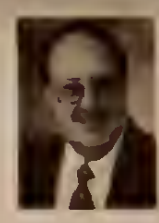
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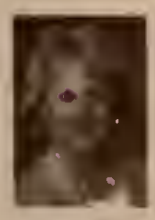
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